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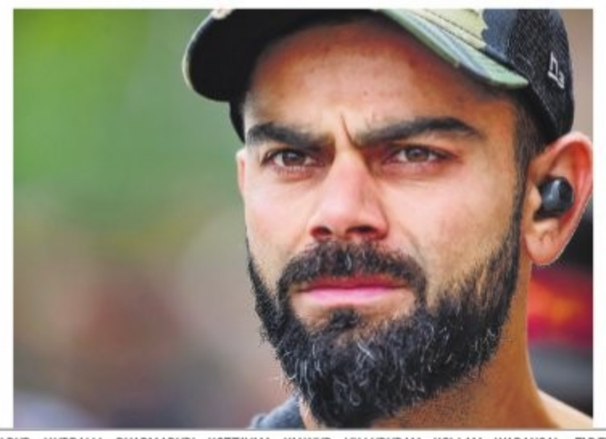

CONFLICT OF INTEREST PLAINT AGAINST KOHLI

- BCCI ethics officer D K Jain has said he is examining a conflict of interest complaint against Indian Cricket Team skipper Virat Kohli
- MP Cricket Association member Sanjeev Gupta has alleged that Kohli occupies 2 posts -- captain of the Indian team and director of a venture which has co-directors linked to a talent firm that has his teammates on board which Gupta says, is against BCCI's norms | P11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling on President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Sunday | BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Buzz on Cabinet rejig as Modi calls on Prez

Briefs Ram Nath Kovind on developing situation along the LAC in Ladakh and the pandemic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TWO days after visiting forward posts in Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday and briefed him on "issues of national and international importance", Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

The visit came at a time when India is gradually rolling out punitive economic actions aimed at China in the aftermath of the June 14/15 violent clash in the Galwan Valley of East Ladakh.

"Prime Minister @narendramodi called on President Kovind and briefed him on the issues of national and international importance at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the official handle of the President tweeted. The Modi-led NDA government at the Centre completed one year in office on May 30.

The meeting also came at a time when India has scaled up military and paramilitary deployments along the troubled Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The PM had last month also called an all-party meeting to discuss the issue of the stand-off with China.

This was Modi's first one-on-one with President Kovind after the Covid-19 outbreak and the consequent lockdown in phases. He briefed the President on the prevailing situation and the government's responses, said a senior official.

The Prime Minister is also likely to expand his Council of Ministers. BJP circles have been abuzz for a while about the likely induction of fresh faces along with space for NDA allies. The JD(U) is not yet part of the Council of Ministers at the Centre. The NDA, incidentally, has begun preparing for the Bihar Assembly elections, which may be held during October-November in multiple phases.

Modi's visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan has also come at a time when the presiding officers of the two Houses of Parliament are exploring ways to hold the Monsoon session. There exists, however, a six-month window till September for summoning the session.

COMPARE THAT

Russia has been reporting under **6,900** new cases since June 27

In contrast, India's fresh case count crossed **20,000** on June 3 and has now climbed to **24,850**

With 25K new Covid cases, India in 3rd spot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA registered a record single-day surge of 24,850 coronavirus infections and 613 fatalities on Sunday, taking the total case load to 6,73,165 with 19,268 deaths. According to Worldometer, which tracks coronavirus cases across the world in real-time, India overtook Russia to become the world's third worst-hit country by Covid-19 in overall cases. Only the US and Brazil are ahead of India in the number of cases recorded.

In terms of deaths, India is at the eighth position.

While Russia's average daily spike in Covid cases stands at 6,000, India has been recording over 20,000 infections a day.

Maharashtra, the worst-hit state in the country, on Sunday recorded 7,074 infections, taking the total cases to over 2 lakh. Tamil Nadu reported 4,280 cases in the past 24 hours, while Delhi, Telangana, Karnataka, Assam and Bihar added a total of 7,935 cases.

On the other hand, the number of recoveries is rising, too. As on Sunday, total recoveries stood at 4,09,082. While the total cases recorded are over six lakh, the active cases are only 2,44,814. "Sixty per cent of patients have recovered so far," an official said.

Of the 613 deaths reported, 295 are from Maharashtra, 81 from Delhi, 65 from Tamil Nadu, 37 from Karnataka, 24 from Uttar Pradesh, 21 from Gujarat, 19 from West Bengal, 12 from AP, nine from Bihar, eight from J&K, seven from Rajasthan, five each in Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab and Telangana.

S&T Ministry flip-flop on vaccine launch

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

BY when can we expect a Covid vaccine? While the Indian Council of Medical Research is yet to withdraw the August 15 deadline it set for the vaccine's launch, the Science & Technology Ministry claims the Covid shot is unlikely to be ready for mass use before 2021.

"With the primary scientific inputs coming from ICMR institution National Institute of Virology, Pune, and CSIR institution Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, six Indian companies are working on a vaccine for Covid-19. Along with the two Indian vaccines, COVAXIN and ZyCov-D, the world over, 11 out of 140 vaccine candidates have entered the human trials. None of these vaccines are unlikely to be ready for mass use before 2021 (sic)," the ministry said.

When mediapersons sought an explanation on two versions by ministries headed by Dr Harsh Vardhan, they quickly purged the sentence, "None of these vaccines is unlikely to be ready for mass use before 2021 (sic)."

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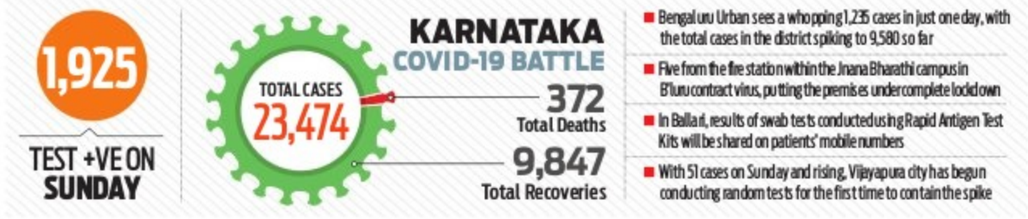
1,925
TEST +VE ON SUNDAY
TOTAL CASES 23,474
KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE
372 Total Deaths
9,847 Total Recoveries
Bengaluru Urban sees a whopping 1,235 cases in just one day, with the total cases in the district spiking to 9,580 so far
Five from the fire station within the Jnana Bharathi campus in B'luru contract virus, putting the premises under complete lockdown
In Ballari, results of swab tests conducted using Rapid Antigen Test Kits will be shared on patients' mobile numbers
With 51 cases on Sunday and rising, Vijayapura city has begun conducting random tests for the first time to contain the spike

Patients abandoned, hospitals warned

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

EVEN as the State Government is going about setting up dedicated helplines and a centralised bed allocation system for Covid-19 patients, shocking cases of Covid-19 patients being dumped by the roadside and calls being ignored by ambulance services are being reported from the city.

On Saturday night, a 36-year-old patient was dropped off by the ambulance staff in front of Haj Bhavan where he was left stranded from midnight till 2.30 am after Victoria Hospital refused to admit him. He was finally admitted at 8 am, but given a bed only at 5 pm on Sunday.

In another incident, a 29-year-old accountant from Murugeshpalya, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday, had to wait till Sunday evening for an ambulance to pick him up — that too after *TNIE* alerted the health officials of his plight.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Sunday warned of strict legal action against hospitals and said criminal cases will be registered against them for refusing to admit and treat Covid-19 patients. The country's largest Covid care centre was also opened at BIEC with 1,100 beds for asymptomatic patients.

Ironically, a video of the managing director of a private hospital in the city, in which he is seen saying that his hospital has all facilities but no doctors, went viral on Sunday.

After Jayanagar Congress MLA Soumya Reddy took to Twitter to narrate her harrowing experience of trying to get a critical patient admitted to a hospital, Sudhakar also paid surprise visits to two hospitals.

Last week, at least three people had died in the city after being denied admission in different hospitals. In Hanumanthanagar, the body of a patient lay drenched in the rain till the ambulance turned up three hours later.

On Saturday, the body of a Covid-19 victim was found dumped at a bus stop in Ranebennur, Haveri district. P4

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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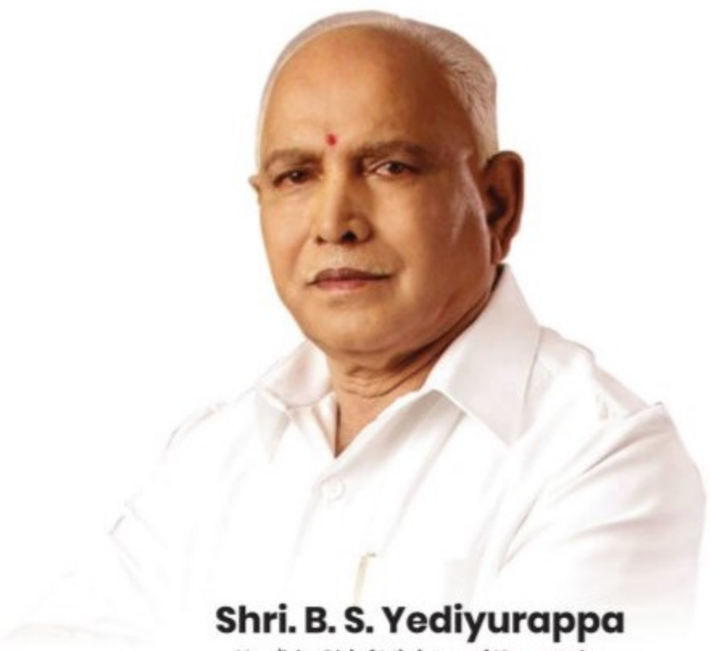
A new simpler process to start your industries in Karnataka



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ALMANAC TODAY
• Monday 06/07/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana : Uttharayana • Ritu: Greeshma
• Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Prathami 8:59 am
• Nakshatra: Uttarashada 11:43 pm • Moon in Kumba Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Partly sunny.

Sunrise 5.58 am
Sunset 6.50 pm
Moonrise 8.03 pm
Moonset 6.48 am

COLOURFUL PALATE: TRY MALNAD'S RED ANT CHUTNEY!

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

GOING vocal for local is not just about clothes, toys and accessories but even the food consumed. The tourism department is promoting local, traditional and lost recipes and one such is Red Ant Chigli.

Yes, you read it right. This Chigli, better known as chutney, is made of fire red ants and their larvae. The recipe has caught the attention of many people — those who have tasted it and others who have never heard of it also. The department explains: "If you want to add a twist of excitement to your plate, it's time people tried #Malnad famous chigli chutney! Made from red fire ant. Spicy yet tangy relish is a winter delicacy rich in protein and is believed to have the ability to cure pneumonia, cough and cold." (sic)

The Tourism and Kannada & Culture Ministry has been posting many local recipes along with those of the **Red Ant Chigli (right in pic)** to draw attention of citizens through social media

Tourism and Kannada and Culture Minister C T Ravi said: "We want to make people go local in all ways forward and recipes are also a part of it. Citizens who know of any lesser known traditional recipes can share it with us."

The minister and the department are posting many local recipes, items of local food processing firms, to draw attention of citizens through their social media platforms. The department has also been posting many other recipes like that of Karchikayi Palya, Halsina Hannu Gatti and Kismuri.

Tourism Department Director K N Ramesh said the idea of posting recipes apart from destinations is to draw the attention of people and enthuse them to come to the State.

"So, we decided to put recipes and the response has been good. Our intention is to create curiosity among people. We want people to come to Karnataka and taste the local, traditional food. In case of Chigli, it is a famous north and coastal Karnataka dish. If a lot of spices are added, it is from North Karnataka and if it with coconut, then it's the coastal side. I have also tasted it when I was posted in Mangaluru. It is a must-try," he added.

DIGITAL DIVIDE: TECH WIDENS GAP IN SCHOOLS

Students from socially, economically backward communities have no access to computers; many schools in city failed too

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

CITIZENRY working with members of economically and socially backward communities are worried about the widening education gap, considering the voices of a number of parents, whose wards are predominantly in government schools, are not being heard.

A Ministry of Human Resource Development report of 2016-17 showed that the number of aided and unaided private schools are a little more than half of the government schools in Karnataka.

The state has 49,883 government schools, 7,377 government aided schools, 18,760 private unaided schools and 54 schools managed by others.

Local activists in Karnataka told TNIE that a majority of those who attend classes in government schools are not just economically, but also socially, backward. A larger concentration of schools even in the country's IT Capital failed to display the adaptation of technology. As per the same MHRD report, almost three of four schools have shown a lack of computer infrastructure in their institutes — 72.74 per cent schools were found with no computers in working condition.

> **The State government will have to seriously consider the question of children being forced out of education immediately, and take all necessary steps to ensure that no child is compelled to drop out of school**
>
> All India Central Council of Trade Unions

Add to this, several students are also first-generation schoolers. The parents' lack of education compounds the problem as their doubts don't get cleared—be it with respect to the use of an app for education or general studies," State convener of Slum Janandolana Karnataka Narasimha Murthy told TNIE.

All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), which primarily works with those from the unorganised sector, and has been tracing the the non-payment of wages and large-scale termination of employment across the state, also appealed to the government to take measures that wouldn't further distance the economically and socially disadvantaged students from their right to education.

It said the caste and class based inequities would be further entrenched with online classes.

Already, as per the MHRD's 2014 report 'Education For All: Towards Quality with Equity' talks about 14.7 per cent access to education for ST students.

AICCTU also pressed for a redefinition of dropout rates, which at present, defines a child between the ages of 7 and 14, who does not attend school for seven consecutive days. "The State government will have to seriously consider the question of children being forced out of education immediately, and take all necessary steps to ensure that no child is compelled to drop out of school," they said, also concerned about the growing potential of child labour due to these forced factors.

THE CIRCLE OF LIGHT

Monks light lamps at Maha Bodhi Society in Bengaluru to observe Buddha Poornima on Sunday | SHRIRAM B N

Five staffers test positive at fire station on Jnana Bharathi campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FIVE staffers of the fire station on the Jnana Bharathi campus of Bangalore University have tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday. Following this, the fire station was sanitised.

University Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal, meanwhile, has directed the non-teaching staff of all departments and divisions in Jnana Bharathi to work from home from July 6-10. In view of the public holidays on July 11 and 12, they will return to the campus on July 13. The teaching staff have holidays till July 15 in line with the government directive.

Venugopal said the non-teaching staff too were sent on holidays following a similar circular by the Education Department. The university will remain closed till July 15.

Meanwhile, the Under-Secretary, Department of Higher Education (University-1) on Saturday issued an order stating that the heads of universities/colleges can ask their non-teaching staff to work from office as per requirements.

While two hostels on the campus have been identified for setting up Covid care centres, Venugopal raised apprehensions about having a 200-bed facility on the premises. "Each room, which can accommodate four students, can accommodate only one patient due to the social distancing norms. The government will have to make alternative arrangements for patients, like the 1,000-bed facility in Delhi," he said. The ministry concerned has been apprised about this, he added.

Marshal from Soudha secretariat adds to count

A marshal attached to Vidhana Soudha assembly secretariat tested positive on Sunday. The matter was brought to speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri's notice and it was decided to sanitise all secretariat offices. All secretariat staff who are 55 years or older have been asked to stay away from work tomorrow. Sources said the Marshal used to spend time with Soudha security officials and the ones in-charge of locking doors and offices. ENS

Social workers seek meet with CM to address Covid-19 woes

ENS @Bengaluru

NAAVU Bharateeyaru, a network of social workers across Karnataka, has written to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa requesting for an urgent online meeting between the government and civil society to see how they can work together to minimise people's distress during the pandemic. Making real-time information available on tertiary care beds, ICUs, and ventilators are among the concerns it seeks solutions for.

The members alleged that despite several notifications from the government, there hasn't been one comprehensive policy that enables citizens to understand the government's approach. Hence, they have demanded that a clear policy is announced after discussions with the civil society, and its critical elements be prominently displayed on hoardings at public spaces and hospitals. They added that a helpline in multiple languages with updated information should also be set up.

Members said that as per protocol, tertiary care and super speciality hospitals need to be reserved strictly for patients with severe problems, including those with pre-existing health conditions which could aggravate Covid infection.

Meanwhile, regulation and oversight of private hospitals, acute shortage of health workers, protection of healthcare workers, and continuing care for non-Covid patients are the other concerns the forum wants addressed.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06th July: I was recently interviewed by a major news outlet who wanted to know why astrology is becoming more popular. My answer was that it isn't becoming more popular because it has always been a major part of our culture. In fact, it's a vital means of harmonizing our lives with time, space and the cosmos, and that doesn't change.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You will have to make a leap of the imagination if you are to understand the way somebody else feels about a current situation, and just how undecided they really are. Tolerance must now be your most important virtue, and if you manage to see a partner's point of view, then you'll win respect.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are some profoundly favourable influences today, but they happen to be extremely subtle. It's all a matter of being very smart and alert to the slightest passing opportunity. It goes without saying that you should push yourself to the front of the queue.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mars' fascinating alignments are opening opportunities and presenting you with a number of awkward choices. It would be wrong to say don't take risks but, if you do, make sure you're prepared for the outcome. Remember, if you're in control then you'll be better placed to get the best.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your financial situation is undoubtedly extremely complicated, but this doesn't mean to say it's all bad. It's just that outgoings look set to exceed earnings, perhaps because old commitments are about to return to haunt you. Maybe a loved one can help.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
For some inexplicable reason the past seems to hold a greater fascination for you than the present. The most difficult choices should now be over, though, and you may even be able to get away with sticking your head in the sand! Other people might still insist that you have to face up to awkward decisions, but that doesn't mean that they're right.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There'll be moments when a secretive mood takes you over. In love, you're still tempted to shut yourself away with romantic partners and let the world pass you by. However, do bear in mind that any secrets will be revealed soon, so keep everything above aboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Moon is sailing gracefully through your chart today, which means that while you should be more in control of routine situations, your emotions will be heightened. You should therefore be very careful not to misunderstand perfectly innocent remarks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Discretion is an absolute necessity today, but then that's something you're very good at. Professional complications have been getting you down, but you should do well out of new personal contacts. You'll soon have to decide whether to pursue a family rivalry, or call it quits for now.

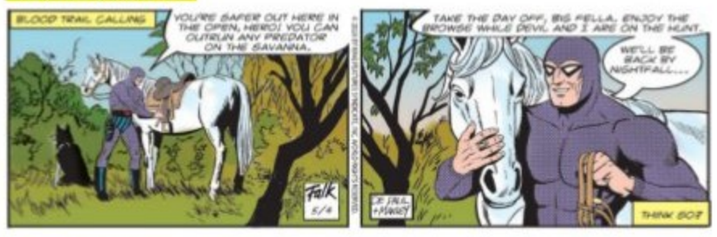
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It's always important to link up with like-minded people, and never more so than now. You're about to experience a change in your emotional cycle, one which is going to lower your expectations, and hence make you much easier to please! The results should be to your liking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Now is the time to redouble your efforts, complete routine tasks and get on top of everything that's been holding you back. Even an emotional mountain which once seemed impossible to scale will suddenly appear much easier to tackle. So what's changed? Perhaps it's you!

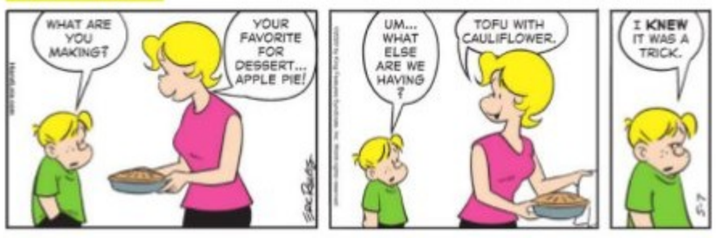
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Take heart from all and any moral support which comes your way, and be sure to fight for your rights. It's not a matter of sticking to the letter of the law, but of trying to make other people see the spirit. It's all about the need for justice and fairness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There's plenty of time for hard work, but any strain will be caused by the tension between former hopes and future commitments. Do yourself a favour and pay your dues to the past. It could be that the best ways are the old ways: tradition has hidden virtues!

THE PHANTOM


BLOOD TRAIL CALLING
YOU'RE SAFER OUT HERE IN THE OPEN, HERO! YOU CAN OUTRUN ANY PREDATOR ON THE SAVANNA.
TAKE THE DAY OFF, BIG FELLA. ENJOY THE BROWSE WHILE DEVIL AND I ARE ON THE HUNT.
WE'LL BE BACK BY NIGHTFALL...
THINK BOY!

HI AND LOIS


WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?
YOUR FAVORITE FOR DESSERT... APPLE PIE!
UM... WHAT ELSE ARE WE HAVING?
TOFU WITH CAULIFLOWER.
I KNEW IT WAS A TRICK.

BEETLE BAILEY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOMETHING?
NO
WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY DOING NOTHING, IT'S HARD TO THINK OF SOMETHING YOU'D RATHER DO
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BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

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SUDOKU

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

1	4	5	2	7	6	3	8	9
7	2	8	4	3	9	6	1	5
3	6	9	1	8	5	7	2	4
6	9	4	7	1	3	2	5	8
8	3	1	5	2	4	9	6	7
2	5	7	9	6	8	1	4	3
4	1	3	8	9	2	5	7	6
5	7	6	3	4	1	8	9	2
9	8	2	6	5	7	4	3	1

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TGEAN

RXYOP

DWEILM

KRARED

I've always known that this was my calling.
You've come to the right place.
HE FELT HE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME A PRIEST, AND GOING TO THE SEMINARY WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: WITCH MUGGY NESTLE EVOLVE
Answer: They weren't sure which animal hospital to take their dog to, so they did some — VETTING

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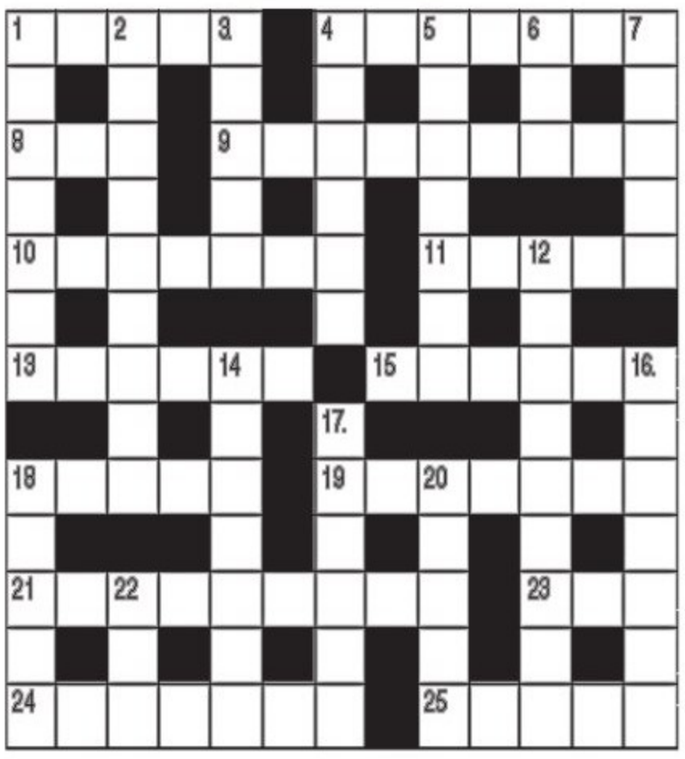
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Euclid doesn't begin to make things clear (5)
4 Has prep to revise, maybe (7)
8 Eggs remaining sound (3)
9 Uninterrupted flow of traffic (4,5)
10 They join in operations (7)
11 Heads for the underworld (5)
13 Turned on a bad parent (6)
15 Sorted, resorted and stocked (6)
18 A source of pleasure or aid, perhaps (5)
19 Hide article in play (7)
21 Not in front of the supporters (9)
23 Operate in sequence (3)
24 Seldom will it stop to put thought into words (7)
25 Name of a good man the first mate is after (5)

DOWN

1 Two ways to regard an informal survey (4-3)
2 Specially commissioned three-card trick? (9)
3 Put off being freed perhaps (5)
4 It's said to be polite (6)
5 Idle chatter has teeth on edge (7)
6 Girl in sad array (3)
7 When dancers take them they're on the level (5)
12 Little known competitor, like Black Beauty (4,5)
14 Seek an engagement - or work, in plain language (7)
16 Exploding grenade is enough to make anyone mad (7)
17 Friends show Capone is untruthful (6)
18 Rob with a gun (5)
20 In a way age is some protection (5)
22 Wash all round (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Armageddon, 8 Pipit, 9 Crosier, 10 Desired, 11 Evens, 12 Siesta, 14 Bellow, 17 Refer, 19 Harbour, 21 Ascribe, 22 Atoms, 23 Right ahead.

Down: 2 Riposte, 3 Actor, 4 Escudo, 5 Diocese, 6 Noise, 7 Crosswords, 8 Pedestrian, 13 Turning, 15 Leonora, 16 Threat, 18 Facer, 20 Reach.

A man murdered his three-month-old daughter in Attibele police station limits on the outskirts of the city on Saturday night. The accused Srinivas (32) was arrested. He married Janani two years ago, and victim, Spandana, was their only child

STRAWS IN THE WIND

No escape from Covid fear

Fear of Covid seems to be driving a wedge between departmental staff at Vidhana Soudha. With cases piling up in Bengaluru and even Vidhana Soudha staff testing positive, ministers' personal staff are jittery. One staffer of a minister, who recently joined the cabinet with a heavy portfolio, lamented how screening mechanisms in Vidhana Soudha are too flimsy. The minister's staff had apparently asked the health department to install a disinfection tunnel at the Soudha entrance, but to no avail. A request to allow the minister to install a disinfectant tunnel right outside his office was also turned down. No wonder the angst with the health department.

BJP has a ready 'caste arsenal'

When BJP state president and Dakshina Kannada MP **Nalin Kumar Kateel** criticised KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Saturday, some in Congress circles quipped that the BJP uses caste equations well -- leaders of certain castes criticise their kinsfolk in the Congress or JDS. BJP used Kuruba leader KS Eshwarappa to hit out against Siddaramaiah, when he was CM and even during the coalition era. When BJP sought to denounce former CM HD Kumaraswamy, it was a Vokkaliga -- R Ashoka, CT Ravi, CN Ashwath Narayan or even Union minister Sadananda Gowda -- who would fire the salvo. Now, a Bunt leader is criticising Shivakumar, a Vokkaliga. Bunts, a distinct community in coastal Karnataka, are part of the Vokkaliga Sangha.

Why July 6 meeting was spiked

Many reasons are being offered over why CM B S Yediyurappa abruptly cancelled the July 6 meeting of city BJP MLAs and MPs. One Soudha watcher linked it to the so-called 'secret Chikkamagaluru meeting' (since denied) between R Ashoka, C T Ravi and KS Eshwarappa, saying the CM was taking precautionary measures. Another explanation was that BJP MLAs were also raising their voice in the Legislative Public Accounts Committee on government purchases, and he wanted to save himself the risk of 'friendly fire'. The other, more banal, explanation was that most of the ground was covered during the June 26 meeting on Covid and lockdowns, so there was nothing new to discuss.

No complete lockdown: Bommai

Home Minister says health facilities being scaled up to meet rising Covid cases

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DESPITE the steep spike in the number of Covid-19 cases in the State, especially in Bengaluru, the government is not considering another complete lockdown.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday reiterated the government's stance to allay people's fears of another complete shutdown, at least in Bengaluru, owing to the increasing number of cases.

"The Chief Minister has clearly stated that there will be no lockdown. There is no need to worry or fret about it. The government has not decided on a lockdown. Bengaluru's healthcare facilities are being scaled up and there is no need for any citizen to worry," said Bommai.

The statement comes on the first of the re-introduced Sunday lockdowns in the State, owing to the spike in cases.

While addressing worries about reverse migration increasing the spread of Covid in rural areas, Bommai appealed to Bengaluru's citizens not to return to their hometowns and to remain in the State capital. Despite complaints of citizens not finding beds or ambulances in Bengaluru, the Home Minister insisted that systems have been put in place to streamline Covid-19 care.

A store on Commercial Street locked up as part of the State government's Sunday lockdown | SHRIRAM BN

SUNDAY CURFEW: EMPTY STREETS IN BENGALURU

The Sunday lockdown was successful in Bengaluru, as a majority of the citizens did not step out of their houses. Apart from a few stray incidents, the police also had a smooth day. While people were out on Saturday evening and shops were crowded with people, on Sunday, it was a different scene. The curfew was supposed to be from 8 am, and roads wore a completely deserted look through the day. It was clear that people strictly followed the lockdown. A police official said awareness created had worked. "Without the cooperation of the people, it wouldn't have been this effective. Also, complete closure of all non-essential activities helped, as people had no choice other than staying indoors." However, a few bikers who ventured out in Basaveshwara Nagar and two girls who were roaming in a car in Vijayanagar were warned by the police. Their vehicles were seized as they had come out without convincing reason. Most of the areas were barricaded.

CM B S Yediyurappa spends time with two calves at his residence

CM's day in on Sunday!

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IT is rare for Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to remain indoors for a full 24 hours. Yet, that is what he did on the day of the Sunday curfew.

Yediyurappa was busy speaking to Dakshina Kannada district minister Kota Srinivas Poojary and the district authorities after a massive landslide in Banglegudda of Mullur village in Mangaluru taluk destroyed two houses following incessant rains for the past few days. As information of the damage was pouring in, the CM was monitoring the rescue operations.

He was also keeping track of the Covid situation in the State till late in the evening.

The CM was seen taking a walk emerging out of his house at a little past 7 am and again at about 5.30 pm in the garden. The CM's house Kaveri and garden have been sanitized after six persons including a gardener tested positive during random tests over the past week. Yediyurappa, a great walker, was seen pacing in his garden for a good length. In between, he was also following news updates on vernacular television channels.

For a brief while he was in the cow shed in Kaveri stroking the cow and two calves. The 'Gir' cow littered two calves just a couple of days ago.

Kharge demands probe into purchase of Covid-fighting gear

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SENIOR Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Mallikarjun Kharge has slammed the State Government over alleged irregularities in the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other Covid-fighting equipment. Pointing out that the Public Accounts Committee under H K Patil had raised the issue, Kharge said all purchases of PPEs and other equipment to fight the Coronavirus by the government should be investigated.

This comes days after Opposition leader Siddaramaiah criticised the government over alleged serious irregularities in the purchases and demanded a white paper on all expenditure incurred.

He had also alleged that the government had paid two to three times more for certain equipment like ventilators, where Rs 12 lakh was paid for what costs Rs 4 lakh per unit.

The Public Accounts Committee had also raised the issue in the last few meetings and it is scheduled to come up when the committee meets on Tuesday and health authorities will have to answer questions regarding purchases. The Health Department had, during the last meeting, assured that they will submit the details on July 6.

Mallikarjun Kharge also stressed on the need for transparency in the India-China border developments and said we need to guard our frontiers and ensure not an inch of our land is lost.

Mallikarjun Kharge

HC sets up special court room for physical hearing

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The dedicated remand court set up at Guru Nanak Bhavan in Vasanth Nagar in Bengaluru

AS part of its pandemic containment measures, the Karnataka High Court has set up a specially designed court room with transparent partitions at Guru Nanak Bhavan in Vasanth Nagar, where arrested persons, or undertrial prisoners, can be produced physically.

The dedicated remand court, where all safety measures to physically produce the accused have been taken care of, was in continuation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the High Court from time-to-time to prevent the spread of Covid-19 on the court premises.

It may be noted that a Bengaluru court complex had to be closed after an accused tested positive and so did some constables. Several judicial officers, too, were quarantined.

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SHORT TERM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-CALL 3
Through Government of Karnataka E-Procurement Only
SSCL Shimoga invites Request For Proposal for eligible bidders as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-procurement on Public Private Partnership (PPP). Details of the work is as below.
Sl No: 1. **Name of the work** : Survey, Investigation, Planning Design, engineering, Financing, Procurement, supply, Erection, Testing, Installation, commissioning and comprehensive operation & maintenance and transfer of 25 MW Solar power generation plant on Upper or Lower Tunga canal stretches passing through the Shivamogga City, Shivamogga District Karnataka State under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for 25 years on DBFOT basis **EMD Amount in Lakhs** : 140.00 , **Project Duration** : Implementation Peroid-18 Months and O&M period – 25 years
Calender of events:
1. Blank Tender documents can be downloaded from : **04.07.2020 @4.00 P.M 2.** Last date for Tender Queries: **20.07.2020@ 11.00 A.M 3.** Pre bid meeting : **22.07.2020 @ 4.00 P M** @ SSCL office , Board Room, Shivamogga 4. Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is: **07.08.2020 upto 4.00 P.M 5.** Date of Opening of Technical bid is on : **10.08.2020 @ 4.30 P.M 6.** Date of Opening of Financial bid is: **24.08.2020 @ 5.00 P.M**
For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-procurement website. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contract e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-25501216 / 080-25501227, For more information contact in office hours.
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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-36)
P and SC No.154 of 2020
IN THE MATTER OF THE WILL OF LATE SMT. KANTA JAIN
BETWEEN: PETITIONERS: 1. Sri. Peeyush Jain, aged about 53 years, S/o Late Subash Chandra Jain R/at No. 44/3, Fair Field Layout, Race Course Road, Bengaluru — 560 001.
2. Smt. Preeti Dugar, aged about 55 years W/o Sanjay Dugar R/at 19/24-1, 1st Main, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru -560 046. **V/s**
RESPONDENT: NIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above named have made a petition to this Court under Section 276 of the Indian succession Act, 1925 for the grant of probate of the Will dated 6th day of April, 2019 of Late Smt. Kanta Jain, W/o Late Sri. Subash Chandra Jain, of No.44/3, Fair Field Layout, Race-Course Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, in favour of the Petitioner No.1, in respect of the Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by Late Smt. Kanta Jain, the mother of the Petitioners herein, who expired on the 30th day of May, 2019 at Bengaluru. The net value of the estate has been sworn at Rs.4,03,34,670/-.
Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in person or through a duly instructed pleader on the **28th day of July 2020** at 11.00 a.m, before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge (CCH-36) to show cause against the petition, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
Item No.I: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property, bearing Sy. No.248, measuring, 87,123 square feet, situated at Addevishwanthapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore, along with building there on and bounded as follows:
East By : Remaining portion of land bearing Survey No.68
West By : Remaining portion of land bearing Survey No.68
North By : Rajankunte Road South By : Village Boundary
Item No.II: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property, bearing Site No.400 (carved out of Sy No.67 of Kyalasanhalli Village), measuring, 2,324.16 square feet, situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, and bounded as follows:
East By : Site No.411, West By : 40 ft Road,
North By : Site No.401, South By : Site No.399
Item No.III: Partnership Interest in M/s Mangalam Enterprises, a partnership firm having its principal place of business at No. 540 and 551, 4th Phase, 4th Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560 058.
Item No. IV: All fixed deposits, cash balance in bank accounts, cash in hand, public provident fund and other savings certificates as described below:
Savings Bank Account Details:

Sl.No.	Name of Bank / Post Office	Account No.
1.	Vijaya Bank, R.C. Road, Bangalore	11780100200281
2.	Post Office, GPO, Bangalore	01622742933
3.	Post Office, Museum Road, Bangalore	2115499

Public Provident Fund Account Details:

Sl. No.	Name of Bank / Post Office	Account No.
1.	State Bank of India, Mysore Bank Circle, Bangalore branch	54051333507

Fixed Deposit Details:

Sl. No.	Name of Bank / Post Office	Account No.
1.	Vijaya Bank, R.C. Road, Bangalore	117802021000121
2.	Vijaya Bank, R.C. Road, Bangalore	117803311003222
3.	Vijaya Bank, R.C. Road, Bangalore	117803311003458

Item No. V: All other movable properties, shares and securities of various companies / entities, life insurance policies, diamond, gold, silver and platinum objects / ornaments / jewelry, all that sums, monies advanced by way of loans, household articles, silver articles, gold ornaments, pooja silver articles and the like and other movable property.
Given under my hand seal of this Court on this 29th day of June 2020 at Bengaluru.
By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioners: **DUA ASSOCIATES**
130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru-560 042.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Social Welfare Department

Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Messiah of Green Revolution, National Leader,
Former Deputy Prime Minister of India
Garlanding the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram
On the **34th Death Anniversary**
Date : **06-07-2020 Monday, 9.00 AM**
Venue : **West Gate of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru**

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Commissioner
Social Welfare Department

G. Kumar Naik, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt.
Social Welfare Department

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Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Minister for Social Welfare and Public Works
Inaugurating a Bridge at Kushtagi

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

Change of Name
I, DURINA V.S., S/o.V.M. Subramani Raju aged about 23 years R/a #38, 1st Cross, L.K.R. Nagar, Lottegollahalli, RMV 2nd Stage Extn., Sanjaynagar Post, Bengaluru 560094 have changed my name to **DHRUVA RAJU V.S.** vide affidavit dated 4th July 2020 sworn before B.R. SHASHIKALA, Advocate & Notary.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B.Neelam, D/o. Bhagirath, aged about 34 years, presently R/at 31, Ground Floor, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Next to Alankar Gift House, Bengaluru-560 027 has changed my name to **BHAVANA D. PANCHARIYA** vide affidavit dated 02/07/2020 sworn before K.C.Gowthami-Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
We, **1. RIDHI VASUDEVA, 2. GANESH PRASAD S.**, residing at No. 1225, 44th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that we are married under Hindu Marriage Act and living together since 15.06.2020. Now **RIDHI VASUDEVA** (maiden name of wife) would henceforth be known as **RIDHI GANESH** (name of wife after marriage) by virtue of our marriage, vide affidavit dated 4-7-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESH S. KAMMAR,** at Bangalore.

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TRACKING COVID-19

Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar tweeted that 3,331 beds have been reserved in 72 private hospitals in Bengaluru for Covid patients. "By Saturday, 733 beds were occupied and 2,598 beds — 78% — were unoccupied," he tweeted.

603 NEW RECOVERIES

9,847 TOTAL RECOVERED

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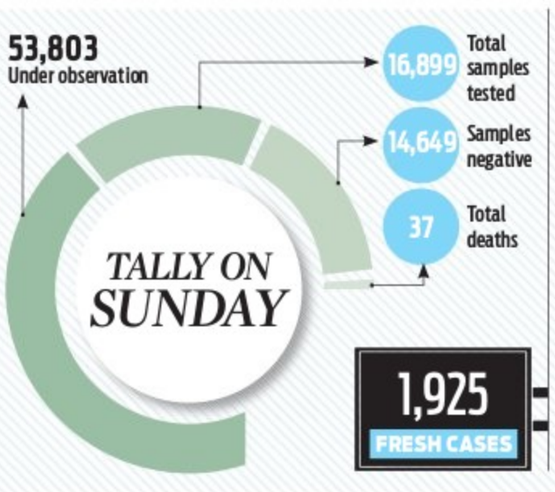

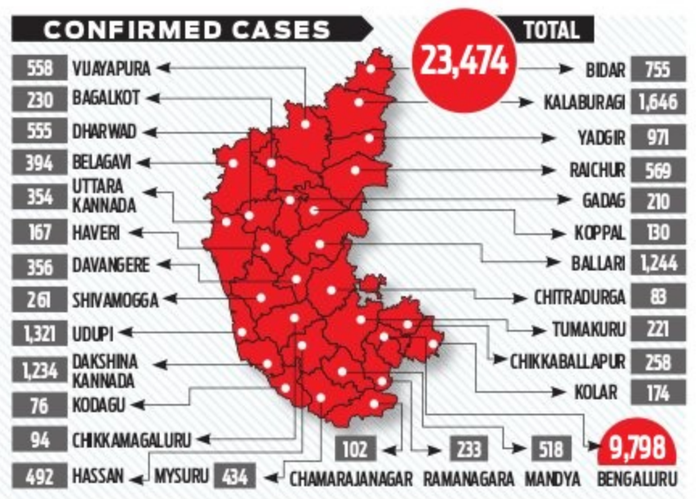

Ambulance abandons Covid patient on the road in middle of night

Minister checks availability of staff, equipment at govt hospitals

Patient waits two days before finally getting admitted to a health facility

BEDS DRY UP IN BENGALURU, AMBULANCES A NO-SHOW, HELPLINES OFF HOOK

Beds for Covid patients at Kanteerava Indoor Stadium | PANDARINATH B

5,000 Dedicated Covid beds in Bengaluru Urban (private and goverment)

1,000 Covid Care Centre beds

1,000 Additional beds at pvt hospitals

7,000 TOTAL BEDS

10,100-bed CCC largest in country

Bengaluru: BBMP Commissioner Anil Kumar inspected the 10,100-bed Covid Care Centre at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, along with Yelahanka BJP MLA S R Vishwanath. "The centre is well ventilated, has adequate toilets, nursing stations, kitchens and other facilities," Kumar tweeted. The centre, which will be used to house asymptomatic patients, is said to be the largest such facility in India, and will have 150 doctors working there. ENS

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People are yet to get over the horrific incident of a 63-year-old Covid patient in Hanumanthnagar dying on the road while waiting for an ambulance for over three hours, but on Saturday, there was another horror of a 36-year-old Covid positive patient being abandoned by an ambulance on the road in the middle of the night after failing to find a bed.

The ambulance picked up the patient around 11 pm on Saturday and took him to Victoria Hospital. As there were no beds, the ambulance staff dropped him at Haj Bhavan, saying he would be admitted there. But the patient wasn't allowed in and he was stranded from midnight till 2.30 am.

"I told the ambulance staff that I had breathlessness and fever, but still they dropped me there. I asked them to wait till I got confirmation on the bed, but they left me all alone. The guards at Haj Bhavan did not allow me in and told me to go back home. As I had no transport, I called my relative, who came after two-and-a-half hours as he stays far. My health kept deteriorating and I was finding it increasingly difficult to breathe," he said.

"My relative took me to a nearby hospital, where the staff checked my oxygen levels and it was at 86. The doctor told me it was not too bad, prescribed a medication, and asked me to go home as it was not a Covid hospital. I reached home around 4 am. By then, I had put my relative and his family at risk," he said.

His relative also called Mercy Mission, who started dialling various helplines, but none helped. "We called the 108 ambulance, but they said BBMP had taken their service and we had to call back the Palike. Then, we dialled 1912, but that did not get connected for a long time. When it did, they asked us for ICMR number of Covid patient and asked us to call 14410, which did not connect," said Ruhi, a volunteer.

Around 8 am on Sunday, another ambulance picked him up and took him to Victoria Hospital. "The ambulance dropped me a kilometre away, despite me pleading with them that I could not walk. I somehow reached the Covid block, but the staff told me that there were no beds. Around 5 pm, I finally got a bed," he said.

Randeep D, BBMP Public Health In-charge, said, "This incident shouldn't have happened, and it shows the protocol is not being followed. The nodal officer is expected to coordinate with the hospital for beds and ambulances. We will soon have a centralised system for beds using a portal, which will help the patients."

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar interacts with doctors at Jayanagar General Hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Sudhakar pays surprise visit to govt hospitals on lockdown Sunday

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A DAY after Jayanagar MLA and Congress leader Soumya Reddy took to Twitter to narrate her harrowing experience trying to get a critical patient admitted to a hospital, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Sunday paid surprise visits to government hospitals in Jayanagar.

Barely hours after Reddy raised concerns, Dr Sudhakar took to his Twitter account to share information on the total number of beds reserved for Covid treatment and how many were available. During his visit to Jayanagar General hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, he interacted with patients in Covid wards, doctors in ICUs and other hospital staff. He also reviewed the quality of PPE kits and availability of equipment for Covid management.

Even as he lashed out at the staff for failing to respond to his queries, they briefed him about the challenges they face every day. With doctors and frontline workers, especially those deputed in ICUs, contracting the virus, the staff at two hospitals said that they were concerned about their safety and shortage of staff. The minister told them to rope in resident doctors and also postgraduate students.

"The visit means nothing unless I as an elected representative and citizens are not given information and timely help. Nobody has an idea of what to do when someone tests positive," said Sowmya Reddy. No information on the review of hospitals was given to her after Dr Sudhakar's visit, she added.

While the government portal stated that only 27.1 per cent of beds dedicated to Covid are occupied, 4.87 per cent of ventilators being used and 19.72 of ICUs taken up, citizens have been raising concerns over being turned away by multiple hospitals citing lack of beds, ventilators, ICUs etc.

'Cases against pvt hospitals refusing treatment'

Bengaluru: "Strict legal action will be taken and criminal cases will be filed against private hospitals refusing treatment to Covid patients," warned Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Sunday. "Since testing is high, cases too have increased. Citizens need not panic, but should take all precautionary measures. We will release guidelines on home isolation soon," he said. Dr Sudhakar, who paid a surprise visit to Jayanagar General Hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, spoke to patients outside the hospital not being attended to and took hospital staff to task. He said 400 ambulances will be deployed in Bengaluru. "Government-recommended patients at private hospitals will have insurance cover under Suvarna Arogya Suraksha. If private hospitals refuse admission, call 1912 helpline," he said. ENS

For two days, helplines kept passing the buck: Patient

RANJANI MADHAVAN
@Bengaluru

A 29-year-old accountant from Murugeshpalya received his Covid-19 report on Friday, stating that he had contracted the virus. By Sunday evening, there was still no news of an ambulance or bed. R Sreekanth, panic-stricken, waited helplessly.

Be it 104, 1075, Apthamitra 14410, 108, BBMP helplines, or the recently launched 1912, Sreekanth (name changed) had tried them all. "The helplines either did not receive my calls or the person who answered would direct me to a second person. This person would direct me to a third person, and this would go on endlessly. I tried calling hospitals myself but they either don't take calls or said beds were full," said Sreekanth.

He finally got a bed late Sunday night, after *TNIE* shared his contact details with Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey.

Sreekanth got himself checked after his colleague tested positive. "The Aarogya Setu app has marked me Covid-positive. I have cold and dry cough. My house owner, who lives on the floor below, has diabetes and BP issues. The BBMP told my flatmate that he will have to be tested too, but no one has come to test him. There is no help for the common man," said Sreehari.

The 108 ambulance helpline's response was that a vehicle would be sent only if he managed to secure a bed. *TNIE* was unable to get a response from Pandey on why this is happening, despite the many helplines launched.

BBMP Commissioner Anil Kumar and Principal Secretary, cooperation department, Tushar Girinath, in charge of transporting patients, were unreachable despite repeated calls.

COVID WATCH

4 HOSPITALS TURN WOMAN AWAY

Hassan: Four private hospitals in Hassan reportedly refused to admit a 30-year-old woman suffering from respiratory problems on Saturday. The woman, Keerthana from Koushika village, was brought to Hassan around 11.30 pm as she had breathing difficulties. The managements of Hemavathi Hospital, Sanjivini Hospital, Redfern Memorial Hospital and Mani Specialty Hospital allegedly refused to admit her citing the lack of duty doctors at night. A staffer at a private hospital said that many hospitals decided not to admit patients with respiratory problems due to the rise in Covid cases. ENS

No contact, travel history in 69.8% of +ves

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UP to 69.8% (1,345 cases) of the record highest 1,925 Covid-positive cases recorded on Sunday have no contacts or travel history in Karnataka, while the total tally went up to 23,474 cases.

Bengaluru Urban had the largest chunk of 1,235 new positive patients. Of them, only 19 were cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Illness and Influenza Like Illness, while the remaining had no contact of travel history.

In all, 37 people died of Covid, taking the toll to 372 cases. Of them, 26 had comorbidites, with 23 reporting SARI/ILI symptoms. Bengaluru's toll rose to 145 with 16 deaths on Sunday.

At least 135 cases were with ILI, 32 with SARI, 238 were primary contacts, 53 returnees from other states, 11 international travellers, and four were from containment zones.

Dakshina Kannada had the second highest number of 147 cases, Ballari had 90 cases, Vijayapura 51, Kalaburagi 49 and Udupi 45.

A police officer on duty at MG Road, Bengaluru, during Sunday's lockdown | PANDARINATH B

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS FOR QUICK RESULTS

Ballari: The Ballari district administration has purchased 10,000 rapid antigen test kits, which will give faster results, and plans to send alerts directly to the registered mobile numbers of people tested. VIMS Hospital in the city conducts tests, but can process only 60 samples a day. With the rapid antigen kits, more tests can be conducted as results are obtained within half-an-hour. Deputy Commissioner S S Nakul said these tests are being conducted for the first time in the state. The decision to buy rapid antigen kits was taken during a recent meeting, chaired by district in-charge minister Anand Singh. The District Mineral Funds has been used to buy the 10,000 kits, an officer said. ENS

COVID CARE AT HOME

Pvt hosps jump in with home isolation packages

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WITH the state government bringing in the home isolation protocol of Covid-19 cases, many private hospitals are offering "home isolation packages". Patients will get treatment kits and virtual monitoring by nurses and doctors on a number of days, depending on the package opted for.

For instance, RXDX Hospital which has branches in Whitefield, Kadugodi, Siddapura and Malleswaram has brought in a basic package of 7 days, standard package of 11 days and extended package of 15 days. The 7-day package which costs Rs 2,450 includes two times doctor consultation, 14 times remote vitals monitoring by nurse, one essential medical kit. The standard package which costs Rs 5,000 includes four times doctor consultation, 22 remote vital monitoring and one each of nutrition counselling, mental health counselling, physiotherapy and medical kit. The extended package, costing Rs 5,850, includes four times doctor consultation, 30 times nurse remote monitoring, the rest one time each and a medical kit.

Dr Sunita Maheshwari, Founder, RXDX Clinics, said, "Right now the government has stated they will initially do the tele-consultation and after it the patient can't follow up with government or private hospitals. Having the package in place will help the patients. We have already got many calls from resident apartment complexes on the packages."

Prakriya Hospital, Tumkur Road, has come out with a package of 7,10 and 14 days at a cost of Rs 10,000, Rs 12,000,Rs 16,000 which includes kits, video consultations, medication and more. "With beds getting full across the city, home isolation is essential. We had introduced these packages, even before the government decided on home isolation. The idea is to assist those with mild symptoms. The patients will get a welcome call and we will follow up cases. If need be, we will even get blood tests done and move them to designated hospitals," said Dr Srinivas Chirukuri, CEO of Prakriya Hospitals.

Dr Manish Mattoo, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru, said, "We will be introducing the packages next week. It will be a technology-enabled solution to monitor patients 24/7."

Similarly, even Brookefield Hospital in Kundalahalli has a package starting from Rs 449 per day and Apollo Hospital has introduced Project Kavach which will include basic and advanced packages.

Brookefield Hospital: 8880223344

RXDX: 08049261111

Prakriya: 9513733334

EXPERT COLUMN

SURGE IN CASES, CITIZENS MUST DO THEIR BIT NOW

HAS the peak begun and is that the reason for the surge in cases? The lockdown has been lifted for about a month now. People are allowed the freedom to move around. The surge in number, therefore, is anticipated. Whether this is a community spread or not, has to be declared by the Government of Karnataka. However, the responsible citizens must now do their bit.

Why is Bengaluru seeing many cases?

Post-lockdown lift has caused an increase in the number of cases. Of course, no one can be in lockdown forever. It is also necessary to have citizens exposed to the virus to develop immunity. Though the number of cases is on the rise, the mortality rate in Karnataka in particular and India, in general, has been significantly lower in contrast with the western countries such as the USA.

What should the government do?

We ask ourselves what the government should do. Fortunately, the government is doing whatever it has to do. One might wonder how the policies made in the previous week change the next. Examples are changing guidelines about treating asymptomatic patients initially to be admitted in the hospital, later to institutional (non-hospital) quarantine to currently home quarantining.

DR MURALI CHAKRAVARTHY
MD, Chairman, Central Infection Prevention and Control Committee, Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru

This is not the inadequacy of the government; this disease is new. The changes have to be dynamically changing. The government's think tank is robust and epidemiologists of repute are working in tandem with the bureaucrats; both supported by the ruling government. Changing guidelines is global.

Solutions to the rise in cases

The current policy of intermittent lockdown is correct and will abruptly cut the exposure for 24 to 36 hours, and is likely to slow down the viral spread. The containment of viral spread is more in the hands of the citizens than the government. This is time for us, the citizens, to show discipline.

Do we need to test more number of samples?

By testing more, one can identify asymptomatic patients and isolate them. By isolating them, the viral spread is curtailed. Pool testing is a cost-effective idea, where a group of people from say, an apartment, are sampled and tested as a single sample. Should the sample turn positive, only then individuals are tested. If not, the community can breathe a sigh of relief. However, there is a caveat here. The Covid-19 test is only 70% true positive, the rest may be infected, but the results would be negative. To tackle this technical flaw, one has to continue to take basic precautions.

One must understand that in India, currently, the number of patients who have recovered from the virus is more than those affected. The infection will pass. In about a year, the arrival of the vaccine would make a distinctive change, putting us back to our 'original life'.

Myanmar scholar collates Solega-English dictionary

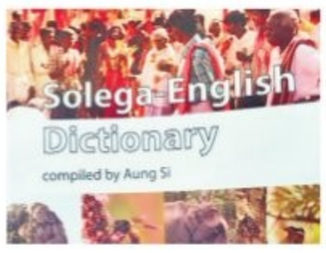
Community, known for traditional meds, wants their culture recorded

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE Solega language, on the verge of extinction, is seeing a spike in interest with a research scholar from Myanmar coming out with a Solega-English dictionary. The language is spoken by about 20,000 people spread over 40 podus (tribal hamlets) in the Biligiri Ranganatha Swamy Hills in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.

Known for their rich culture, traditional medicines and attachment to wildlife, Soligas (Solegas) have produced top singers like Madamma, Kali Siddamma and others. They served as marshals and accompanied the erstwhile kings of Mysuru on hunts.

Exposed to rapid urbanisation and technology, youngsters of the community have brought in a drastic change in their food habits, languages, dress and appearance, posing a threat to their heritage.



Aung Si, the research scholar, took up research on 'Traditional Ecological Knowledge of the Solega, a Linguistic Perspective' and submitted a thesis. The researcher camped in BR Hills for 11 months, and was helped by some members of the tribe -- Made Gowda, Nanjegowda, Kumbe Gowda, Jadegowda and others in Hosa podu, Bangle Podu and Muthakadagadde Podu. Aung Si also learnt Kannada and recorded key words in the Solega language.

Bommaiah, a tribal, said the younger generation is not comfortable speaking the Solega language. He said the formal education system in Kannada, English and Hindi has taken children away from tribal dialects. He said that only people aged above 40 know Solega now, and it's unfortunate that the traditional roti habba (festival) that was packed with Solega songs, dance and events, has been hijacked by disc jockeys.

Made Gowda, a PhD scholar, said that Aung Si had "put his soul into research" and got the language recorded, documented and translated into English and Kannada. He said the dictionary will be released at a simple function by the Soligas at BR Hills on Monday. "We want to educate youths and children on the importance of their language and culture," he added.

Anthropology teacher Chandrashekar said universities and students should be encouraged to study neglected and scattered communities.

Kerala makes Covid norms compulsory till July 2021

T'PURAM: The Kerala government has made it mandatory for the public to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines such as wearing of masks for the next one year, as part of its measures to tackle the spread of the virus in the state. The state government said the regulations will remain in effect till July 2021.

According to the new regulations, all persons shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face cover in all publicplaces, work places, any place where public have access, all kinds of vehicles and during transport. "All persons shall maintain a social distance in all public places and functions...In all wedding ceremonies and functions thereafter the maximum number of participants at a time shall not exceed 50 people," the government order read.

STATE PULSE

TELANGANA GOVT IN A COVID OUTBREAK MESS OF ITS OWN MAKING

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THE Telangana government is facing a piquant situation after it bungled the handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Initially, it brushed off the outbreak as an issue of no consequence, arguing the virus would not last long as summer was around the corner. In fact, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao had claimed that coronavirus was not a life-threatening organism and that it could be dealt with by popping a few paracetamol pills. His casual approach despite other countries reeling under the impact of the virus, appears to have led Telangana to a situation where the government is finding it difficult to handle, as the daily count of positive cases is now hovering just under 2,000 per day.

KCR now has the short end of the stick and is under fire from several quarters, including the Telangana High Court, for remaining passive to the outbreak. Hyderabad is under its vice-like grip with more than 80% of the cases from Telangana being reported from the state's capital.

The high court has been regularly advising the government to be proactive. It shot off a volley of questions recently, asking why the government was not following the guidelines issued periodically by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). KCR and his son K T Rama Rao, who is minister for Information Technology and Municipal Administration, are facing the heat.

After the lockdown was imposed in March, Telangana appeared to be taking serious steps to combat the virus. The government promised to enhance hospital beds and ensure robust tracking, tracing and treating systems. Also, the mortality rate was relatively low at that point in time. However, just about a fortnight after Unlock 1.0 was announced in the first week of June, the situation began spinning out of control. Systemic deficiencies began showing up and the government's image took a beating as disturbing videos of shoddy handling of patients in government hospitals for Covid-19 treatment began surfacing.

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The absence of a platform to disseminate information about bed availability, too, took its toll on the overall management. After private hospitals were allowed to treat Coronavirus patients, the situation further slipped out of control. The state still does not have a proper portal or a digital dashboard with real-time updates on the availability of beds at designated Covid hospitals.

The main criticism against the government is that it is reluctant to scale up its testing. Take neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. It has the highest count of rapid tests in the country — close to a million as of now. In contrast, the total number of tests in Telangana so far is a little above one lakh. In fact, information on the extent of testing in the state was revealed only in June. At the present testing rate of about 5,000-odd a day, the state is among the lowest in India. Telangana assured the court on testing 50,000 samples in 10 days, but managed to test only 30,877 of them.

The court faulted the state government for its failure to produce evidence that it has a containment policy. Besides, the government has stopped publishing a list of containment clusters, both city-wise and state-wise — despite directions from the court — in the media. It is rather obvious that critical information, which should be disseminated among the people is being withheld, the court had observed. "Needless to say, while fighting a battle against a pandemic, ignorance is not bliss. In fact, ignorance is an invitation to a calamity," the bench added, but the stinging remarks had little effect on the state, if the daily test count at present is anything to go by.

Dealing with Covid-19 is not easy. Even countries with the most robust healthcare systems are struggling. No one knows when the virus will subside but the lack of proactive steps to deal with it is worrying. It is high time KCR cranked up the machinery and got a realistic sense of how wide the bug has spread and took appropriate remedial action.

EXPRESS READ

Pvt firm CEO accused of raping actor

Bengaluru: A Sandalwood actor alleged that she was sedated and raped by her male friend recently. The accused is a CEO of a private firm and he allegedly extorted her of ₹20 lakh. JJ Nagar police have taken up a case under charges of rape, cheating, extortion, criminal intimidation and intentional insult. An officer said the actor did a photoshoot for his firm for which he allegedly did not pay her. Mohith extorted money from her, blackmailing with a video of their "intimate moment" he seemed to have recorded while she was asleep. Mohith is absconding and efforts are on to nab him. **ENS**

4 Maoists killed in police encounter

Bhubaneswar: Four Maoists were killed in an exchange of fire with the security forces in Kandhamal on Sunday morning. The security forces have recovered bodies of four Maoists, including two women ultras, who were members of Bansadhara-Ghumusar-Nagavali division. Odisha Police said the security forces recovered three self-loading rifles with magazine, one INSAS rifle with magazine, two country-made weapons, 16 rounds of SLR, two 5.56 mm rounds of INSAS and four single shot rounds. **ENS**

Bridge gets suicide barrier

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

NEARLY a year after Coffee Day founder VG Siddartha committed suicide by jumping off the Netravathi Bridge on NH-66, the authorities have initiated works to prevent suicides on the bridge.

The bridge will get a 8-feet-tall barrier that will be fixed on the retaining walls on either side of it in order to deter people from taking the extreme step. Barriers will also be erected at the median of the bridge that has a gap.

The bridge has earned the sobriquet 'suicide spot' as many people have jumped from it over the past years. Kankanady Police inspector Ashok confirmed that number of suicides on the spot has gone up. However, he said it is difficult to provide exact numbers as dead bodies are fished out in areas coming under Pandeshwar or Ullal police station limits.

Police sources said that suicides at the spot increased in the last one year after Siddartha incident on June 30, 2019 that made it to the national headlines, also triggering the demand for a suicide barrier from the citizens of Mangaluru. Mangaluru South MLA Vedavyas Kamath took keen interest in the project.

Shivamogga City Corporation,
Office of the Executive Engineer
Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga
No:ಶಿಮಸನಪಾಕಾ:ಕಾವಿ-1:ಟೆಂಡರ್:13/2020-21 Date:03.07.2020

Tender Notification (Two-cover system)

The Executive Engineer (Division -1), on behalf of Commissioner, Shivamogga City Corporation, has invited tenders in double cover system through e-procurement portal for providing services of man-power on outsourcing basis. The interested Agencies can participate as per details given in tender document. More details can be obtained from the Office of Executive Engineer and also from e-procurement portal: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Work Details: Cleaning Supervisors and providing security guards on outsourcing basis to Solid Waste Management Centres. **Nos:** 27+8, **Approximate Amount (Rs in lakhs):** 72.62, EMD (in Rupees): 146000.00

The schedule of the tenders are as follows:

Last date to apply for tender forms through e-procurement payment: **On 18.07.2020 (Upto 4.00 P M).,** Date of opening of technical bid through e-procurement: On **20.07.2020 (after 4.30 P M).**, Date of opening of financial bid through e-procurement: **On 22.07.2020 (after 4.30 P M).**

Sd/- **Executive Engineer – Division 1**
DIPR/SMG/No.13-07/zenkar/2020-21 **City Corporation, Shivamogga**

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2024 for

Petition-1: "2 nos 765 kV line bays and 1 no. 240 MVAR Switchable line reactor on each circuit of Chilakaluripeta - Cuddapah 765 D/c line at Cuddapah (2 nos. 240 MVAR Switchable line reactors)" under **"Substation Works Associated with Strengthening of Transmission System beyond Vemagiri" in Southern Region.**

Petition-2: Asset 1- 01 No. Spare 201 MVA, 1 ph 3 winding Converter Transformer and Asset 2- 01 No. Spare 234 MVA, 1ph 3 winding Converter Transformer at Vizag HVDC Terminal Station under **"Procurement Of Spare Converter Transformer For Vizag HVDC System in Southern Region."**

The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) TSSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) TSNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) POWERGRID Southern Interconnector Transmission System Limited

Name of the Asset	Petition-1	Petition-2	
	Asset as above	Asset 1	Asset 2
Approved Capital cost (₹ Lakhs)	21042.87	4323.03	5399.52
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID		
Schedule DOCO (FR)	21.04.2019	10.05.2019	
DOCO (Actual)	18.01.2020	28.03.2020	30.06.2020
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ Lakhs)	18911.92	2499.10	2751.06
Tariff for year 2019-24 (Rs in Lacs)			
2019-20	511.23	4.79	-
2020-21	2865.75	459.03	389.18
2021-22	3167.82	475.03	530.18
2022-23	3093.34	468.00	522.66
2023-24	3018.81	460.75	514.88

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurgaon **Sd/-**
Date: 29.06.2020 **DGM (Commercial)**

POWER GRID CORPORATION INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office: Saudamini, Plot No.2, Sector-29, Gurugram -122 001 (Haryana) Tel.: 0124-2571700-719
Reg. Office: B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110 016 Tel : 011-26560112, 26560121
www.powergridindia.com **CIN :** L40101DL1989GOI038121
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PG/CC/Notice-10/Advt.-17/20-21 Concept

CITY UNION BANK LTD.
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.**, having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No. 58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **08-01-2020 followed by paper publication dated 20-02-2020** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. A. Chinnaswamy, S/o. Anthoniyappa, Flat No. F - 1, First Floor, Kowndinya Apartment, L-54, 2nd B Main, 6th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102. No.2) Mrs. Fathima Mary, W/o. A. Chinnaswamy, Flat No.F - 1, First Floor, Kowndinya Apartment, L-54, 2nd B Main, 6th Sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru - 560 102** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,77,77,494/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Four Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **06-01-2020** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 03rd day of July 2020.

The borrowers above named in Particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Properties and any dealings with the Properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.1,77,77,494/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Four Only)** and interest thereon from **06-01-2020** till the repayment of entire dues.

Note : 1) That **our 132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080040235) dated **29-06-2018** requested by No.1. of you for which No.2 of you stood as co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 48,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.25%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **27-10-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **05-01-2020** is **Rs. 51,85,672/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-01-2020** till the date of realization.

2) That **our 132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080056561) dated **29-09-2019** requested by No.1. of you for which No.2 of you stood as co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 33,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.25%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **27-10-2019** and the balance outstanding as on **05-01-2020** is **Rs. 34,27,149/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-01-2020** till the date of realization

3) That **our 132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080053390) dated **28-06-2019** requested by No.1. of you for which No.2 of you stood as co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 13,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.25%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **27-10-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **05-01-2020** is **Rs. 14,07,888/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-01-2020** till the date of realization .

4) That **our 132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080047274) dated **31-12-2018** requested by No.1. of you for which No.2 of you stood as co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.25%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **27-10-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **05-01-2020** is **Rs. 11,87,512/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-01-2020** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. A. Chinnaswamy, S/o. Anthoniyappa)
Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing BDA site No. L – 54 present BBMP katha No.622/L-54 situated at Hosur Sarjapura Road Layout, HSR layout, (formed by the Bangalore Development Authority) in sector 6, Bangalore - 560 102 presently comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West 24.22 meters and North to South 15.23 meters in all measuring 368.87 Sq.meters and bounded on : East by : Property No L -71, West by : 40 feet Road, North by : Property No.L-53, South by : Property No.L-55.

SCHEDULE - B

940 Sq.ft. of Undivided share, right , title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE - C

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. F.1 in the First Floor measuring 3,155 Square feet of super built up area containing Three Bed Rooms, Servant Room, Hall, Dining and Kitchen, including proportionate share in common areas such as lobbies, passage, lifts, staircase along with other common amenities provided, contained in the Multi- storied Residential Apartment known as 'KOWNDINYA' constructed on the Schedule 'A' property together with seperate electricity, common water and sanitation together with Two Covered Car Parking slot in the Basement Floor and including all easementary rights, title, interest, privileges and appurtenances thereto in the Residential Apartment known as 'KOWNDINYA'.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 03-07-2020 **Authorised Officer**

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1 AT BENGALURU
No. 4, LIC Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025
OA No. 635/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank Of India
Rajamahal Vilas Extension Branch,
No.138/6,10th Main, 6thA Cross,
RMV Extension, Bangalore - 560080
..... **Applicant**
AND
Sri. Madhusudhan.K.N.
and Others .....**Defendants**
To
2. Dr. Ashwatha.K.S.
Vetcare Organics Pvt. ltd.,
No.1540, KHB 16, Bangalore - 560064

Summons Issued Under Rule23(viii) of TheDebt Recovery Tribunal(Procedure) Rules 1993by Paper Publication.

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs. 75,85,138/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on **25/08/2020 at 11.00am.**
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned , the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **9th day of June 2020.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1 AT BENGALURU
No. 4, LIC Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025
OA No. 663/2019

BETWEEN
State Bank Of India
Rajamahal Vilas Extension Branch,
No.138/6,10th Main, 6thA Cross,
RMV Extension, Bangalore - 560080
..... **Applicant**
AND
Sri. Rahul Gowda
S/o Sri Javariah Gowda, No.63, 3rd Cross,
5th Block,Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage
Bangalore - 560072
Also at
No.5, Sunlink Metals, 1st Main,
10th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage,
Bangalore -560072.....**Defendants**

Summons Issued Under Rule23(viii) of TheDebt Recovery Tribunal(Procedure) Rules 1993by Paper Publication.

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs. 13,87,189/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on **24/08/2020 at 11.00am.**
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned , the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **24th day of June 2020.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Smt. Aparna Gopalakrishna Kini
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448998432
Landline No.(office):080-22375911

Madhavanagar
32/1&2, "Crescent Towers"
Crescent Road, High Grounds
Bengaluru – 560 001
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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Property

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers and guarantors, that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the constructive possession of which have been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **12.08.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 6,39,11,415/-** (Rupees Six Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen only) **(M/s. Ennar Cement Pvt. Ltd., - Rs. 1,63,79,653/-, Eagle Business Services Pvt. Ltd., – Rs. 4,75,31,762/-) as on 24.06.2020** in respect of the two borrowers together + expenses + costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from the above said 2 borrowers and **(1) Shri. Sushil Khemka** S/o. Late. K.D.Khemka **(2) Smt. Chandadevi Khemka** W/o. Sushil Kemka. guarantors. The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs.1,50,00,000/-	Rs.15,00,000/-	Rs.1,50,000/-	10.08.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No. SBI/MN/EA/AGK/01
Property No.1 (Title deed holder: Shri. Sushil Khemka)
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. 21, Khatha No. 973, situated at Dasarahalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 52 feet and North to South 55 feet in all totally measuring 2860 sq feet, bounded on East by Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Road and South by: Property No. 20.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Date: 06.07.2020 **State Bank of India, Madhavanagar Bengaluru**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's
Details:Name: **Prabhakar P**
E-mail ID: sbi.40688@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: **9449398100**
Landline No.(office): 080-25532170

SMEC, KORAMANGALA
Airav, First Floor, #576/B, Service Road
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The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date & time for submission of EMD Amount
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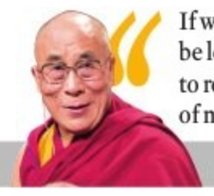

If we have a calm mind, obstacles will be less disruptive. What's important to realise is that, ultimately, peace of mind is within us

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

OLI ON DANGEROUS GROUND AS HE SEEKS TO SPLIT PARTY

The ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP) is on the verge of implosion with Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli planning an ordinance to lower the benchmark for engineering a vertical intra-party split. The NCP is a product of merger of multiple Left parties, including that led by former prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, a.k.a. Prachanda. Both Oli and Prachanda are joint chairpersons of the merged outfit. Following a major rebellion by Prachanda and others like another ex-PM Madhav Kumar Nepal, Oli intends to pull out his faction and take the support of the opposition to stay in power.

Weeks ago, Oli's unilateral cartography to add three disputed regions in Uttarakhand to his country's map was meant to deflect leadership attacks from within the party. That a comrade chose to invoke nationalism to change the headlines was bizarre enough. When that didn't suffice, he accused India of plotting to unseat him. Last week, fearing a floor test demand from the Treasury to prove his majority, he got Parliament prorogued. At 174 seats, the NCP has close to a two-thirds majority in the House. If the party splits, reports suggest Oli could retain 78, while Prachanda and Nepal command the loyalty of 53 and 43 MPs respectively. The premier needs 138 for a simple majority.

Oli's latest survival technique would perhaps make a chief minister across his country's border, Nitish Kumar, grin. Nitish had fought the Bihar Assembly elections in 2015 in alliance with the RJD against the BJP and emerged victorious, got to lead the government because of a better image though the RJD was numerically stronger, but walked out of it to embrace the BJP in 2017 to stay in power. Nitish did a chameleon for self-preservation and survived but Oli might not be as lucky. For, no amount of airbrushing can hide his sloppy record at governance. Antagonising India with which Nepal has deep cultural ties was his biggest misstep. Oli ought to realise that promulgating an ordinance through a pliant President to stay in power is a recipe for anarchy. And the political contortions the opposition would demand in exchange for support could make him even more unpopular, digging the Left grave one spadeful at a time. Nepal decidedly deserves better.

HOW TN CAN CASH IN ON A BUMPER KURUVAI

Tamil Nadu is expecting a bumper harvest of foodgrains during the current kuruvai season this year. Kuruvai or "short-term" crops, comprising paddy and pulses, are grown in the Delta region. They are heavily dependent on the flow of water from the Cauvery river. When the government opened up the sluice gates of Mettur dam after eight years on the traditional date of June 12, it kickstarted a hopeful year of bounty, with expectation being pegged at 6.07 lakh metric tonnes of paddy across 3.5 lakh acres.

The inflated yield expectation is attributed to the government's proactive steps to cover more areas under kuruvai, keeping in mind its plan to open up the Mettur dam this year on time. This year, the dam's storage is running to capacity with 91.6 tmcft of the total 93.47 tmcft. The advanced announcement also helped Delta farmers identify filter points for transplanting and those without filter points to raise the paddy nursery before water reaches the canals. Farm machinery such as tractors, rotavators, transplanters and power tillers were also made available at Agriculture Extension Centres as well as private shops despite the lockdown to facilitate uninterrupted agricultural work. The last time the bumper crop was grown was in 2014-2015, when 79.49 lakh tonnes of paddy were harvested, along with 7.67 lakh tonnes of pulses. At the time, the total coverage of foodgrains was around 36 lakh hectares or 88.95 lakh acres.

The bounty is much needed this year, considering the government has announced free ration of rice and toor dal for all card holders till November in the wake of the pandemic. The state could also perhaps push for intensifying the cultivation of millets, which are also traditional crops of the region. Alternating the distribution of millets and rice for ration card holders could encourage bringing back traditional food habits. It would not only help soil and water management, but also help in the big battle against diabetes and obesity that is said to have been caused by the changing of habit from consuming millets to rice. Doable?

The security forces in Jammu and Kashmir have been extremely successful recently. But there is no room for complacency

REVIEWING J&K IN THE BACKDROP OF AN ACTIVE LADAKH BORDER

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

AMIT BANDRE

With all the public focus on the LAC in Ladakh, there has hardly been any analysis of the situation in J&K even as the Union Territory approaches the first anniversary of the landmark decisions taken on August 5 last year. The decisions themselves being too well known, any recall of these may be unnecessary. It's the progressive impact that is more important. In fact, except for the period immediately after the decisions, when much was being analysed, most of the 11 months or so have seen events and trends that have diverted public focus from the region. Two months after the early August decisions, the seat of the government of J&K moved to Jammu and a fairly long and cold winter followed. The CAA agitation through much of winter helped divert attention and immediately thereafter, the Covid-19 pandemic followed with the lockdowns and much more. From 5 May 2020, it's been Galwan, Pangong Tso and other less familiar landmarks of Ladakh that have ruled the roost and the airwaves.

On the security front in J&K, operations against infiltrators began in earnest in early April 2020. Thereafter it's been an active summer, particularly in the hinterland, with 129 terrorists neutralised all over J&K in the first half of the year, comparable numbers with those of the last two years. June in particular has been extremely successful with 41 terrorists neutralised, with most operations being conducted in South Kashmir. I can recall this number exceeding 40 in a month in South Kashmir only way back in 1999 when I was coordinating operations in the sub-region and the strength of terrorists was foreboding. At the end of 2019, it was estimated that there were approximately 250 terrorists in Kashmir; that means over half of them have been neutralised by the end of June 2020, although some fresh recruitment has taken place and a few successful infiltrations should be accepted as part of assessment. What does the security situation arising out of these figures indicate?

The first observation is that most encounters are at the initiative of the security forces (SF) with very few proactive operations by terrorists. The absence of an effective terrorist leadership is evident from the fact that no counter-strategy on their part has emerged, unlike in previous years when kidnapping and assassination of police personnel and their families was rife to put the SF on the back foot. The tight counter-infiltration grid along the LoC has disallowed the re-induction of fresh leadership or cadres in sufficient numbers to make a serious impact. The resounding success of the SF is largely due to effective intelligence provided by the J&K Police and all of it is coming from the local people. There are contributing factors here such as the lockdown that has severely curtailed the mobility and flexibility of the terrorists. Where a terrorist group would not risk a stay of more than one or two nights in a safe house, the current situation had forced them to remain seven to eight days in the same hideout, thus increasing the chances of pick-up of information. Credit needs to be given also to the partial dismantling of networks that have dominated J&K's landscape for many years and enabled the bouncing back of anti-national elements each time some areas were cleared of terrorists. Recall how South Kashmir had returned to a peaceful state some years ago and returned to a state of extreme turbulence when the SF's focus shifted to North Kashmir. That is the reason why I am not in agreement with the J&K Police when it announces that Tral or Doda have been declared terrorist-free. It's dangerous and premature to make such announcements. Terrorist neutralisation is achieved by some hard legwork by the SF, but networks are ingrained deeper and need more sustained addressing before they can be weeded out. Yet, that is not to say that overground workers (OGW), arms and ammunition, and financial networks have not been severely dented. It would be prudent to keep at it and bring a degree of permanence there. The achievements of the intelligence agencies and J&K Police can be gauged by the fact that long-standing Hurriyat leader Ali Shah Geelani has resigned in frustration. I ascribe this also to the non-availability of finances, something that kept the separatists going for many years. There is no room for complacency on the assumption that J&K is completely under control with these recent achievements. The situation at the LAC in Ladakh demands a prudent examination of Pakistan's potential to rekindle turbulence within.

After the security-related progressive success India has achieved in J&K, it must now translate the same into political and social success to prevent the Pakistan-backed elements from bouncing back. Ladakh cannot allow us the luxury of shifting disproportionate focus from J&K

The reading down of Articles 370 and 35A and the more voluble reiteration of India's commitment towards reintegrating Gilgit-Baltistan and PoK placed Pakistan in quandary, but only temporarily. It has continued to follow a strategy of multiple pressure points. The LoC has been kept alive through frequent engagements and infiltration, initially directly attempted into Kashmir and now shifted more towards south of Pir Panjal. A big-ticket event was aimed through IEDs but was scuttled in time by Indian SF. The Ladakh-based turbulence at the LAC would be considered an opportunity by Pakistan. Northern Command's attention and resources are all focused there and the PLA is seeking Pakistan's support to assist in coercing India. Pakistan is bound to invest in this for eventual payback later.

After the security-related progressive success India has achieved in J&K, it must now translate the same into political and social success to prevent the Pakistan-backed elements from bouncing back. The Hurriyat is in disarray and also discredited. The best way to keep that situation going is to launch a massive political and social outreach on ground to bring the Kashmiri sentiment back to the mainstream. Ladakh cannot allow us the luxury of shifting disproportionate focus from J&K.

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THE CURIOUS CASE FOR CONSOLIDATING SCHOOLS

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As India awaits the sound of the bugle marking the end of the war against Covid-19, state education departments have an opportunity to catalyse systemic transformation. While efforts are underway to build resilient post-Covid education systems, one seemingly counterintuitive intervention—school consolidation—can single-handedly address multiple, inter-linked challenges.

But why school consolidation? India has far too many schools, reflecting inefficient resource allocation. While the intent of several governmental efforts has been to universalise access, the statistics reveals its fallouts.

The confounding context: With over 15 lakh schools and 25 crore students, the average Indian school has six teachers, 160 students and a healthy pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) of 27:1. The flaw in an analysis of averages, however, lies in the disparities it hides. For example, the maximum variation in PTR is seen between states not too far apart—under 9 in Sikkim to over 42 in Bihar.

In terms of proportions, regional differences bring up interesting revelations. Home to 10% of India's students, Bihar has less than 6% of the country's tally of schools, while Assam has almost twice the proportion of schools vs. students. With 18% of the nation's school-going population, Uttar Pradesh has less than 14% of India's teachers. The average number of students per school varies from 65 in Meghalaya to over 1,000 in Chandigarh. Unsurprisingly, there is an 11-times difference in the range of teachers per school between Meghalaya (4) and Chandigarh (44).

A deeper delve throws out stark ironies. First, despite the annual capacity to produce 19 lakh new teachers through 17,000-odd teacher education institutes, India still has 14 lakh vacancies. Consequently, 8% of the total schools are single-teacher schools. Further, the spread of teaching resources is skewed in favour of urban regions; and subject-teacher PTRs in secondary education are excessively high. It's around the 1,000-mark for mathematics in Jharkhand and social studies in Odisha.

Second, trends in the number of schools and students are inverse. Total enrolment is falling, yet more schools are being opened. Between 2010-18, enrolment fell by 7 lakh but the number of schools increased by 1.5 lakh. Falling enrolment is in sync with demographic changes as evidenced by the reduced proportion of younger people in the population.

Third, there is a rise in the number of sub-optimal schools defying the fundamentals of 'economies of scale'. During the last two decades, the number of schools with less than 50 students enrolled has increased by over 10-percentage points. Today, a third of our schools have less than 50 students while only one-fifth have more than 200 students.

A chain of challenges: Too many schools, too few students and inadequately distributed teachers lead to widespread multi-grade multi-level learning. This gets exacerbated in single-teacher schools where for instance, one teacher has to simultaneously teach children from Classes 1 to 8. With less staff, the teachers also face the disproportionate burden of administrative work; school monitoring becomes harder to administer and the limited resource pie gets divided into too many pieces, affecting the foundations of the education system.

The abysmal status of learning reflects these systemic challenges. The World Bank's estimate of learning poverty suggests that over 50% of India's children at the late primary age lack reading proficiency. And the Covid-19 crisis threatens to deepen this poverty.

The current system has too many schools, too few students and inadequately distributed teachers. With less staff, the teachers also face the disproportionate burden of administrative work and the limited resource pie gets divided into too many pieces

Catalysing change: Optimising school structures requires interventions to consolidate/merge schools. While different types of school mergers are possible, it is essential for its design to suit local contexts. NITI Aayog's project Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH) with three states—Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha, home to a fifth of India's government schools—provides an ideal template with the cumulative consolidation of over 26,000 schools.

For states with a high number of same-campus schools, horizontal mergers of the same school type may be undertaken. Madhya Pradesh had 1.2 lakh public schools of which 50% of the primary schools had under 40 students while 20,000 were single-teacher schools. The government began with merging schools within 100 metres of each other. With over 19,000 schools successfully merged, there has been a reduction in multi-grade multi-level teaching where the number of schools with more than two grades per teacher has reduced by 14 percentage points and the number of schools with headmasters has more than doubled.

For states with schools at different levels, vertical mergers could be pursued to create integrated schools with both elementary and secondary classes. For example, Aspirational District Khunti in Jharkhand merged seven schools to create a model 1-12 school. The district also innovated with a transportation system to ensure all students are able to access the new school. On aggregate, the benefits include a 10% increase in enrolment and estimated savings through reduced resource requirements amounting to a few hundred crores for the state exchequer. Community involvement also increases due to larger parent groups.

The SATH project shows that the consolidation exercise, if implemented strategically, leads to no downsides. Fears of an increase in dropouts are not borne out on the ground. These efforts have even contributed to significant learning improvements across all three states.

Critical caveats: In pursuance of pooling resources, one mustn't lose sight of core development objectives. School consolidation must not be undertaken where there is a threat to access, equity and learning for the most vulnerable, remote or underserved sections. The planning exercise must weigh costs, benefits and externalities after consultations, factoring in the local needs and aspirations of communities.

As policymakers seize the opportunity to reimagine systems, it is time to think and act big. The scars of an inefficient system must be undone by creating well-equipped schools that deliver quality education for every child.

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China's expansionism

It has been reported that China has territorial problems with 18 nations (*China's numerous border disputes prove Modi's point, say experts*, July 5). So the term used by PM Narendra Modi—expansionism—is apt. The affected countries can coordinate over the issue.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Set your own house in order

The Kerala state BJP President has observed that the LDF government's decision to hike fares of private buses amounts to "robbing the state's citizens". He must first put his house in order by prevailing on his bosses in Delhi to roll back fuel price hikes.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Awareness of our culture

This is with reference to *What can Indian customs do to tackle idol thefts?* (July 4). The thieves do not understand the historical and cultural background and only see the idols in material terms. The laws should be strengthened and strictly enforced. Indians should be made to understand the greatness and significance of their culture.

M Shajahan, Thiruvithancode

Stopping idol theft menace

It is another informative article by the author. We need more people like him to stop this menace of idol thefts and keep our cultural treasures intact within India.

S Shanmugam, Tirunelveli

Fleecing patients

It was shocking to learn that a private hospital in Hyderabad asked family members to pay ₹16 lakh for releasing the body of a Covid patient. Thanks to a politician's intervention, it was reduced to ₹4 lakh. The government should take stringent action against hospitals that fleece people in such trying times.

P G Menon, Chennai

Comparison mischievous

This is with reference to the article *Giving Marx to our leaders* (July 5). The author has referred to Karl Marx as the "*paramacharya* of communism". This is mischievous and against the sentiments of many Hindus.

S Ramkumar, email

Reference condemnable

Communism is totally against religions. The reference to Marx as *paramacharya*, that too on the day of Guru Poornima, is condemnable.

Matangi Ramesh, email

Tackle other diseases too

This is with reference to *Covid: Euthanise beast of exaggeration* (July 5). The author rightly points out that exaggerating the pandemic numbers is not going to help society and will only hurt the reeling economy. There are other diseases like cancer, tuberculosis, etc., that claim many more lives every year than Covid has done so far, but have not drawn similar attention.

Jitesh Mathur, Hyderabad

Unsubstantiated remarks

This is with reference to *Army trashes criticism over medical facility in Leh* (July 5). It is unfortunate that some political leaders and journalists on social media have made baseless charges against the facility for injured soldiers. They should desist from making and spreading unsubstantiated comments.

Haribandhu Panigrahu, Tarbha

Relook at friends of police

While 'friends of police' volunteers take advantage of their proximity with the police, the ultimate responsibility falls only on the cops. It is proper to reconsider the continuance of the 'friends of police' system in Tamil Nadu.

Ramiah Govindaraj, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
More than 25 crore saplings were planted today in UP with a dedicated sense of environmental protection.

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi @naqvimukhtar
Don't discriminate against those who have recovered from Covid-19... accept them as winners.

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Three things cannot stay hidden for long: the sun, the moon, and the truth - Gautam Buddha

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi | PTI

Vande Bharat: 36 AI flights to US from July 11

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AIR India on Sunday announced that it will be operate 36 flights between the US and India from July 11 to 19 July under the Vande Bharat Mission.

The national carrier said that tickets may be booked through AI website after 20:00 hours (IST) on July 6, equivalent to New York (EDT 1030 hrs of 6' July 2020), Chicago (CDT 0930 hrs of 6 July 2020) & San Francisco (PDT 0730 hrs of 6 July 2020).

Earlier this week, India's aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had announced that International air travel to and from India will remain suspended till July 31.

In its latest guidelines for Unlock 2.0, the MHA said that international air travel for passengers was permitted in a limited manner under the Vande Bharat mission and further opening-up will take place in calibrated manner.

On June 22, the US Department of Transportation had announced that Air India was barred from operating chartered flights to the US without its prior approval in the wake of New Delhi not giving permission to American carriers to land in India.

The next day, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said that it was considering establishing "individual bilateral bubbles" with the US, the UK, Germany and France allowing their airlines to operate international flights.

Under the fourth phase of the Vande Bharat Mission, Air India will be operating 170 flights connecting India with Canada, the US, the UK, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh and many other countries.

3 Union Ministers inspect Covid hospital in Delhi

Facility has been built in a record 12 days by DRDO and Tata Trust on MoD's land

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan visited a newly-created temporary hospital with 1,000 beds for Covid-19 patients on Sunday, officials said.

The facility near the IGI Airport has been constructed in just 12 days by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Tata Trust on land belonging to the Ministry of Defence.

"Visited the 1,000 bed Sardar Patel Covid Hospital, which has 250 ICU beds, along with @rajnathsingh ji. DRDO built it in a record time of 12 days with assistance from MHA, MOHFW, Armed Forces and Tata Trust," Shah said in a tweet. He thanked the DRDO, Tatas and the armed forces medical personnel 'who have risen to the occasion and helped tackle the emergency.'

Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also accompanied the Union ministers.

An urgent need to augment the existing hospital beds capacity of Delhi for the Covid-19 patients was discussed between the MHA and the Ministry of Defence on the modalities of deploying a 1,000-bed hospital in a span of less than 14 days, a home ministry statement said. Commissioning of this hospital will contribute to an increase of 11 percent additional Covid-19 beds in Delhi, thus overcoming the current critical situation, according to a home ministry statement.

The facilities include oxygen supply to each bed, X-Ray, ECG, haematological test facilities, ventilators, test lab, wheel chairs, stretchers and other medical equipment.

The hospital has a dedicated DRDO managed psychological counselling centre for the mental well-being of patients. Patients referred by the district administrations will be admitted and treated free of cost at this facility, the statement said.

CAP ON AMARNATH PILGRIMS: 500

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AMID surge in coronavirus cases and closure of religious places in Jammu and Kashmir, the government would be allowing 15 days of Amarnath Yatra with 500 yatris. The pratham (first) puja at the cave shrine was held by Lt Governor G C Murmu on Sunday. In addition, the authorities said all the yatris would have to undergo testing before being undertaking the yatra.

Murmu, who is also chairman of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) visited the cave shrine in Anantnag in the morning today and performed the pratham puja. The puja was telecast live by Prasar Bharati. The puja would be telecast live everyday by the Prasar Bharati for the devotees across the country.

The annual yatra, which was scheduled to start from June 23, is likely to be a 15-day affair now. Although officials are tight-lipped about the start of yatra, sources said the yatra would start on July 21 and culminate on Raksha Bandan on August 3.

According to sources, the yatra would not be allowed from the traditional Pahagalm route in south Kashmir's Anantnag district but from shortened 14-kms through Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

It has also been decided that all the yatris would be tested (RTPCR test) for Covid-19 and only negative cases would be allowed to undertake the yatra.

"All entrants into J&K including yatris will have to be tested and quarantined till they are reported to be negative," J&K Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam said in the meeting adding camping facilities earlier utilised for yatris at entry points (*yatra niwas*) are currently being utilized as quarantine centres.

> *All entrants into J&K including yatris will have to be tested and quarantined*
> B V R Subrahmanyam, J&K Chief Secretary

Yatri Niwas to be used as base camp

The Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar would be used as the base camp for the upcoming pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, an official said.

Uttarakhand: 3,884 passes issued for Char Dham Yatra

VINEET UPADHYAY @Dehradun

AFTER the Char Dham Yatra was thrown open to people of Uttarakhand from July 1, a total of 3,884 passes have been issued till Saturday for pilgrims who want to visit the revered shrines — Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

Ravinath Raman, chief executive of Char Dham Devsthanam Board said, "Passes are being issued according to standard operating procedure. All safety protocols are being strictly followed."

The number of pilgrims has been fixed at 800 for Kedarnath, 1,200 for Badrinath, 600 for Gangotri and 400 for Yamunotri shrine. SOP mentioned that every pilgrim must carry identification and address proof.

The SOP was announced by the state government on June 29 for pilgrimage of four revered shrines includes permission for only Uttarakhand residents who need to register themselves and get an e-pass which will be valid for only two days.

However, the duration can be increased in case of any natural calamities such as landslides, excessive rainfall and others.

(Right) RR Bhatnagar, the Advisor to Lt. Governor and Dilbag Singh, DGP, J&K visits Amarnath Cave | TWITTER PIC

RAJASTHAN

Rescued sex worker tests positive, cops in quarantine

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

UDAIPUR police are facing a curious situation after a woman arrested under PITA (The Prevention of Immoral Trafficking) Act tested positive for Covid-19. At least 14 police personnel involved in the operation that led to her arrest have been placed in quarantine after the result came out.

On the night of July 1, Udaipur police had conducted raids on multiple locations of the city and arrested 17 people including 7 women under the PITA Act. One of the teams, led by DSP Chetna Bhati, had raided Hotel Ramlakhan in Sukher police station area arresting four women. All these women were sent to police custody and tested for coronavirus. One of the women was found corona positive on Saturday.

After the information came out, the police department swung into action and alerted the team which had arrested the woman from a hotel in the Sukher police station area.

The department identified the personnel who may have come in contact with the woman during the raid and placed them in isolation.

"The team led by DSP Chetna Bhati has been instructed to remain in quarantine. The corona exam of personnel at Sukher and Ghantaghar police station is also being conducted. One DSP, two SHOs, and 11 others have been quarantined," ASP Gopal Swaroop Mewada said.

They are expected to be tested twice to ascertain that they are not Corona positive.

The woman, who was found positive, is said to have left Udaipur after getting bail. After the report came out, the police are trying to find and inform her about her test.

Police are also trying to trace people who had come in contact with her so that they can be quarantined as well.

KHALISTAN

MHA blocks 40 websites of banned Sikh group

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE government on Sunday blocked 40 websites of pro-Khalistan group Sikhs for Justice for supporting secessionist activities, the Home Ministry said on Sunday.

On July 1, the government had declared nine people as terrorists and the list included US-based Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Pannun, who runs the controversial outfit.

"Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), an unlawful organisation under the UAPA,1967, launched a campaign for registering supporters for its cause. On recommendation of MHA, MEITY has issued orders under Sec. 69 A of the I.T. Act, 2000, for blocking 40 websites of SFJ," a home ministry spokesperson said.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) is the nodal authority for monitoring cyberspace in India.

Last year, the home ministry had banned the SFJ for its alleged anti-national activities. The SFJ pushed for Sikh Referendum 2020 as part of its separatist agenda.

Commenting on the development, a government official said that the outfit openly espouses the cause of Khalistan and in that process challenges the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.

Jharkhand police lathicharge crowd opposing cremation of corona victim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ranchi

THE police resorted to lathicharge after locals at 'Swarnrekha Burning Ghat' at Bhuiyandih under Sitaramdera police station in Jamshedpur pelted stones on administration opposing cremation of a 71-year-old man who died of coronavirus on Saturday.

The crowd, mostly women, also ransacked the cremation centre leaving at least one lady constable and two others injured.

When administration reached 'Swarnrekha Burning Ghat' for cremating the dead body of Covid-19 person, hundreds of locals gathered and started opposing the creation saying that the smoke coming out of the pyre will spread coronavirus further.

"The disturbance was being created for cremating body of a corona positive man. Their concern was that the smoke coming out of the pyre will infect them but we were trying to convince them that coronavirus does not gets transmitted through smoke," said SP City Subhash Chandra Jaat. In between, a lady hit a stone on the head of a lady constable while some others also pelted stones on the police force".

Police had to apply light force to disperse the crowd, he added.

"Around 10 protesting women have been taken into custody to find out whether it was a sudden act or was a conspiracy to create disturbance," said the SP. The cremation, however, was done after the crowd dispersed.

Jaat, however, claimed that no force was applied but the locals said that the police applied batons to disperse the crowd only after which the cremation could be done.

> **Locals' concern was that the smoke coming out of the pyre will infect them but we were trying to convince them that coronavirus does not gets transmitted through smoke**
> Subhash Chandra Jaat, Superintendent of Police

Maha hotels soon to get SOPs to restart business

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had a meeting with the Hotel And Restaurant Owners Association and ensured them that soon Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be prepared for hotels and permission will be granted to restart their business.

Thackeray said that the government has started the 'Mission Begin Again' to unlock the lockdown and restart the manufacturing and other commercial businesses. "Hotel industry has a big place in the tourism industry. Government is working out some mechanism in the backdrop of the pandemic situation. The SOP will be soon prepared and approved by the government. Then, hotels, restaurant can start their business as per the given SOP," Thackeray told hotel owners in video conferencing meeting. Thackeray also urged the owners not to lay off their employees.

Aaditya Thackeray, tourism minister who was also part of the meeting said that the self-discipline is also important.

"We know that tourism business can stimulate the development of the state. Post corona, the hotel industry should get back on to its feet. But now, it is important for to set its own rules for self-discipline."

'Students advised to not attend school daily'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ranchi

THE Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by School Education and Literacy department for opening up of schools after lockdown stresses on discouraging students to ensure 100 per cent attendance in classes at least for the current session.

It also directs school administrations to implement flexible attendance policy or sick leave policy for students to encourage them to study at home in case they fall sick. According to the SOP released by department, "Awards and scholarships given for the students securing 100 per cent attendance in should be discouraged during this time of pandemic."

EXPRESS READ

108 fresh corona cases in BSF, ITBP, CRPF

New Delhi: As many as 108 personnel from three Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) of the BSF, the ITBP and the CRPF tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, officials said. The BSF reported 36 fresh cases and 33 recoveries over the last 24 hours. The Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) with China reported 18 new infections. A total of 54 CRPF personnel also tested positive.

Fake 'Covid officers' dupe man of ₹54K

Mumbai: A history-sheeter has been arrested for allegedly posing as a 'Covid officer' and robbing a man of ₹54,000 in Chembur area of Mumbai, police said on Sunday. Abdul Sheikh was on his way to Chembur railway station on June 30 when Sohan Waghmare and an accomplice accosted him and introduced themselves as 'Covid officers', an official said.

Agitating patients shifted from UP govt hospital

New Delhi: Days after videos of two coronavirus patients complaining about inadequate facilities at state-run hospitals in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia go viral, the district administration is planning to shift the duo to Azamgarh. In a video, a Covid-19 patient can be heard saying that he is having intense cough and breathing difficulties, but he is not being given any treatment in the government hospital.

PLAY TIME

Monks play with boys as an airplane prepares to land at the NSCBI Airport in Kolkata during Unlock 2.0, in Kolkata | PTI

IAF FIGHTS LOCUSTS
The Indian Air Force deployed two MI-17 helicopters for the first time in an anti-locust operation and eliminated swarms of insects settled over a 4 sq km area in Osian sub-division of Jodhpur by spraying pesticides

1 CRPF JAWAN INJURED IN IED BLAST IN J&K

Ahmedabad	36	24	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	32	23	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	40	26	Patna	31	26
Amritsar	35	22	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	29	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	22
Srinagar	33	17	Chandigarh	36	23

Two slain militants test Covid positive: J&K cops

DGP had warned about Pakistan sending corona positive militants

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO militants including a Pakistani national, killed in a gunfight with security forces in the Arreh area of Kulgam district on Saturday, tested positive for coronavirus on Sunday. It is the first instance when militants have tested positive for coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir after the outbreak of the pandemic.

"While carrying out the medico-legal formalities of the slain militants, their samples were taken and sent for the Covid-19 test. Today, the test reports were received from CD Hospital Srinagar and both the killed militants were confirmed as Coronavirus positive," a police spokesperson said.

The police spokesman said bodies of both deceased militants shall be buried strictly as per Covid-19 protocol at a graveyard in Baramulla in north Kashmir.

The two militants were identified as Ali Bhai alias Hyder from Pakistan and a local named Hilal Ahmad Malik. Three army personnel, including a JCO, were also injured in the firefight.

Dilbagh Singh, the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police, had on April 23 warned that Pakistan was pushing militants infected with Covid-19 into Kashmir to spread the virus among the people of the Valley.

"Till now, Pakistan had been supporting militants and now it is exporting coronavirus patients to infect people of Kashmir. This is something on which there is a need to take precaution," he had said.

After the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in March, authorities are not handing over bodies of slain local militants killed to their families. They are buried quietly in remote graveyards in Kupwara and Baramulla districts in north Kashmir and Sonamarg area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. The burial is carried out at designated places to ensure the safety of people from the inherent risk of contracting Covid-19 infection.

"The medico-legal formalities are strictly followed in respect of such killed militants, which includes post-mortem, DNA and Covid-19 tests," he said.

Burial to take place under Covid-19 protocol
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Security personnel at the site of gunfight in Kulgam on Saturday

EXPRESS READ

Flood situation improves in Assam

Guwahati: The overall flood situation in Assam improved further. According to Assam State Disaster Management Authority, 17 of the state's 33 districts were reeling under the deluge. No human death was reported in the past 24 hours. Earlier, altogether 37 people had died in the flood while 24 killed in landslides. As of Sunday, over 6.8 lakh people are affected by rainwater.

Bribe: Cop removed from SOG

New Delhi: An additional SP of the Rajasthan police, Satyapal Middha, was removed from the SOG on Friday for allegedly demanding ₹2 crore as bribe on behalf of Additional DG Anil Paliwal. Middha is said to have sought this bribe for the closure of an ongoing investigation against the Rajasthan Credit Society and for not registering an FIR against the co-operative society.

Gangster's aide held after gunfight in Kanpur city

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh police arrested a close aide of wanted gangster Vikas Dubey after a gunfight in Kalyanpur area in Kanpur city on Sunday.

Daya Shankar Agnihotri alias Kallu, 42, sustained a bullet injury in his knee in the retaliatory firing by the police team. He is one of the 18 accused named in the FIR lodged in connection with the killing of eight police personnel, including a circle officer in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police, on Thursday midnight.

Sources said Agnihotri opened fire at the police team chasing him on wee hours on Sunday. Police have recovered a gun and cartridges from Agnihotri's possession.

However, in a video going viral on social media, Agnihotri is shown hinting at the role of local Chaubeypur police station in alerting the don about the approaching police teams with an intention to nab him. He has conceded in the video clip that there was a call to Dubey from police station about the police action.

The highly placed sources claimed that Dayashankar, husband of Dubey's maid Rekha, disclosed after getting the information about imminent police action, Dubey had called in shooters to his house from outside the village.

Police said that the cash reward on arrest of Dubey was increased to ₹1 lakh and a fresh cash award of ₹25,000 was announced on the arrest of his aides. With Agnihotri already in police net and two neutralised by the poice on Thusrday, now the hunt is on to trace 18 absconding criminals and Dubey.

A week's deadline
UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given a week's deadline to the state police top brass to round up gangster Vikas Dubey

MAHARASHTRA

BJP conspiring to topple Thackeray govt: Sena leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena leader Sanjay Raut alleged that the Opposition is hatching a conspiracy to topple the Uddhav Thackeray-led coalition government before October so that they can fill the present twelve vacant seats of the Upper House in Maharashtra.

In his weekly column on Sunday, the Saamana editor said a big conspiracy was hatched to destabilise the Thackeray government. But, he claimed, nothing as such will happen.

"It has been proved that the Raj Bhavan is controlled by the Union home ministry headed by Amit Shah. The same ministry was used to ensure Devendra Fadnavis was made CM much ahead of schedule... And the same department may be used to trouble the Thackeray government, but it will not collapse," said Raut.

He claimed that Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari has to fill 12 seats of the Legislative Council. "These seats are from Governor's quota. We got information that the BJP is trying hard to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi government and once the BJP comes in power, then BJP will get all 12 MLCs," the Sena leader said.

Mumbai: Lake overflows as record rain in a single day

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Powai lake that supplies drinking water to Mumbai was overflowing on Sunday morning as the city received the highest rainfall in a single day for the month of July in last five years.

The India Meteorological Department said that in the last 24 hours, Colaba received 200.8 mm rainfall while Santacruz received 129.6 mm rainfall. Since July 1, Colaba recorded 780 mm and Santacruz received 915mm rainfall. The city reported 184.3mm in 2018 (July 10), 163.4mm in 2017 (July 18), 114.5mm in 2016 (July 30), and 61 mm in 2015 (July 21).

The IMD, meanwhile, forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in Mumbai and neighbouring areas in next two days and advised fisherman of Maharashtra and Goa not to venture into the sea.

Heavy rains would continue in several parts of Maharashtra and winds with speed reaching 50 to 60 km per hour are likely to prevail over Maharashtra-Goa coast, it said.

Heavy to very heavy rainfall in are likely to take place in Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad as well as Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg in Konkan Maharashtra in next two days. Besides, Pune, Nashik, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nandurbar, Satara, Kolhapur, Parbhani, Nanded, Hingoli are also likely to receive heavy rains, the MeT department said.

In Bandra area, sea water started enteeing slum pockets. "If there is high tide and at the same time there is heavy to very heavy rainfall then the sea refuses to take the rainwater. This results in waterlogging and seawater comes to nearby areas," said a Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) official.

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BMC official

A BMC staff clears garabage washed ashore at Marine Drive in Mumbai amid rains | PTI

TMC slams show-cause to 200 functionaries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

THE ruling Trinamool Congress has issued show-cause notices to at least 200 gram panchayat functionaries of the party in Nandigram, East Midnapore, asking them to explain within a week why their names were on the list of cyclone Amphan beneficiaries. The TMC high-command sent the notices amid a statewide furore over alleged irregularities in drafting of the lists of beneficiaries at panchayat and block levels for state government's Rs 20,000 dole for repairing houses.

Meghnad Pal, the party's Nandigram block president, said that the people who have been sent the notices include five panchayat pradhans, 35 elected members in addition to local leaders.

"If they fail to come up with a satisfactory reply, we will take legal action in addition to getting the money back. If it was not intentional, we will take the refund and let them off with a warning," he said. Fifty-five of these functionaries have already refunded the money.

According to political observers, the show-cause notices are significant because Nandigram was the place where Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had spearheaded a movement against land acquisition which is said to be one of the factors behind the end of Left Front's 34-year regime in the state.

Nandigram, in particular, has witnessed protests and rallies against the alleged siphoning off of the government's compensation meant for cyclone Amphan victims by gram panchayat functionaries, their family members, and relatives.

CM Mamata Banerjee had instructed the state secretariat to directly look into the complaints of irregularities. In a recent inquiry, 34,000 complaints out of 40,000 were found genuine.

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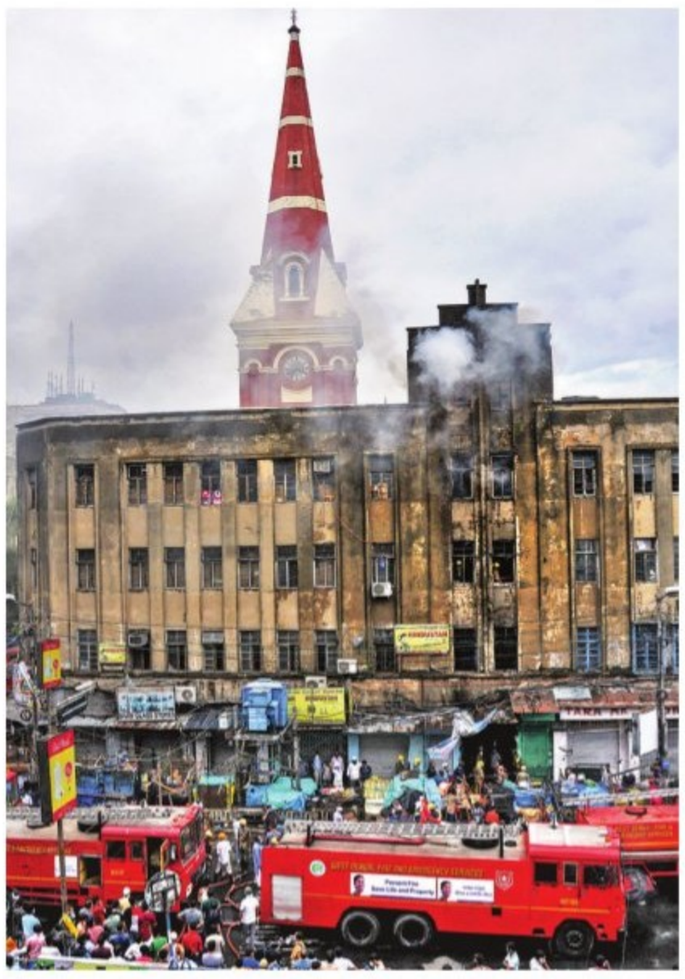
Meghnad Pal, TMC leader



FIGHTING FIRE
Firefighters attempt to douse a blaze that broke out in a commercial building near Burrabazar in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

Trinamool MP calls FinMin 'venomous snake', faces flak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

IN a controversial remark, Trinamool Congress MP **Kalyan Banerjee** on Sunday labelled Union finance minister a "venomous snake".

Addressing a protest rally in Bankura district against rising fuel prices and proposed privatisation of trains, Banerjee said, "Just like a 'kal nagini' (venomous snake) kills a human being, people of the country are dying one by one due to Nirmala Sitharaman who has shattered the country's economy."

Banerjee also called Sitharaman the worst finance minister in the world and demanded her resignation.

The TMC lawmaker was also critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He had promised a new India and has done it by bringing down the GDP growth rate to "abysmal" levels, he alleged.

The Trinamool MP's remark on Sitharaman drew a sharp reaction from the BJP.

The state party president Dilip Ghosh said CM Mamata Banerjee has lost control over her party leaders who are "uttering nonsense" out of frustration.

"The Trinamool leaders have lost their mental stability. The entire party is tattered because of corruption, violence and internal rift. Mamata Banerjee has lost control over both her Party and the Government," Ghosh tweeted.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra called Kalyan Banerjee's remarks misogynistic. "The comment has been made in a state where Goddess Durga and Goddess Kali are worshipped in every household. The remark is not only racist but also misogynist," said Patra.

BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha said the party will lodge an FIR against the TMC leader for his comments that disparaged women.

Just like a 'kal nagini' bites and kills people, her (Sitharaman's) economic policies are killing the country's economy
Kalyan Banerjee, Lok Sabha MP

LEGAL LEGEND

Dinabandhu Mondal passes away at 88

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @ Kolkata

DINABANDHU Mondal, partner of India's oldest Kolkata-based law firm Fox & Mondal, passed away at the age of 88. A legend in the legal world, Mandal handled several important cases including acting for Jit Paul at the time of Emergency, the famous Sanchita case and NYK zip case. He also handled cases for Indian Oil Corporation, Coal India and other PSUs. He also advised several international companies vying for their entry into India. Mandal's last court appearance was for Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited in January 2020 in connection with a case related to tunnelling in Bowbazar area.

''We are extremely saddened by the passing away of my father. He was not only an idol for us but also for countless people involved in legal business. It is a great loss to both our firm and legal fraternity,'' said Debanjan Mondal, one of the partners of Fox & Mondal.

RAIPUR DIARY

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Cycling on the rise in Raipur

Amid the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, cycling is gaining favour among the residents of Raipur not only as a way for better health but also to stay connected. Raipur is witnessing a surge in bicycle sales. "We should prioritise cycling. It not only enhances your immunity— needed to counter the coronavirus risk - but also is better for the environment. Even WHO encourages cycling amid the pandemic. People are joining these groups irrespective of age and they genuinely enjoy cycling", said Deepanshu Jain, a bicycle entrepreneur.

Covid: Chhattisgarh maintains good recovery rate

Chhattisgarh has a very good Covid-19 recovery rate with about 78.4 per cent of the patients recovering in the state. Chhattisgarh ranks fourth among the states with the best recovery rates. Among the states with more than 50 cases of COVID-19, only Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, and Tripura have a higher recovery rate than Chhattisgarh. 2,549 patients have been cured or discharged and the mortality rate remains 0.5 percent. So far, 14 people have died due to the virus in the state. Patients are being treated in eight regional and 22 district hospitals in the state. With migrant workers coming in large numbers, over 21,000 quarantine centres have been set up in gram panchayats and urban bodies with a capacity of around 7 lakh. So far, 1.67 lakh samples have been tested with 3,192 positive results.

AIIMS Raipur brings out ICU on Wheels

AIIMS Raipur will now run a dedicated ambulance with ICU-like facilities to provide instant medical support to patients. The ambulance has a basic life support system with unique features like full ICU setup, auto-loading structure, wheelchair, suction pump, and syringe pump. "Renovated ambulances can be used in emergency conditions where a patient needs immediate medical support. The ambulance can provide life support to severely injured patients or patients who need immediate medical attention. It can be managed up to nine hours with battery back-up", said Prof (Dr) Nitin M. Nagarkar, Director, AIIMS Raipur.

Fortis OP Jindal Hospital plans expansion

The Fortis OP Jindal hospital in Raigarh is gearing up to expand its bed capacity to 155 during the next two years. The hospital will include Covid isolation ward besides the other well-equipped health services like ICU, neuro-ICU, dialysis, radiology, endoscopy, gastroenterology, urology, nephrology, cardiovascular surgery. CM Bhupesh Baghel performed the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the hospital from his residence. "Providing world-class health care facilities for the community is a priority," said JSPL Foundation chairperson Shallu Jindal.

SYDNEY

Thousands rally across Aus demanding racial equality

Several thousand people rallied in Black Lives Matter protests across Australia over the weekend to call for racial equality and highlight deaths of Indigenous people while in police custody. There have been more than 400 Indigenous deaths in custody since a royal commission into the issue ended in 1991. No convictions have been recorded in any of the deaths.

GREENVILLE

Shooting at US nightclub leaves 2 dead, 8 injured

A shooting at a South nightclub left two people dead and eight wounded, a sheriff's official said. Two Greenville County sheriff's deputies noticed a disturbance at Lavish Lounge just before 2 a.m., and saw a large crowd running out of the building, Sheriff Hobart Lewis said at a press conference. No one was immediately taken into custody.

BALTIMORE

Protesters in Baltimore topple Columbus statue

Protesters in the US city of Baltimore pulled down a statue of Christopher Columbus and threw it into the city's Inner Harbour. Demonstrators used ropes to topple the monument in the Little Italy neighbourhood on Saturday. Protesters mobilized by the death of George Floyd at the hands of police have called for the removal of statues of Columbus and others.

TEHRAN

Masks now compulsory in Iran as cases keep rising

Iran on Sunday instituted mandatory mask-wearing as fears mount over newly spiking reported deaths from the coronavirus, even as its public increasingly shrugs off the danger of the Covid-19 illness it causes. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei publicized an image of himself in a mask in recent days, urging both public to wear them to stop the virus.

BAGHDAD

Rocket fired at US embassy hits residential area in Iraq

The Iraqi military said Sunday that a rocket aimed at Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, home of the US embassy, struck a residential neighbourhood and injured a child. Iraqi officials said the embassy's recently installed C-RAM air defense system may have attempted to intercept the rocket as the system was operational late Saturday.

BRASILIA

Bolsonaro shuns mask at July 4 celebration in Brazi

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro attended a US Independence Day celebration in Brazil's capital Saturday at which participants declined to wear face masks, one day after he vetoed obligatory use of masks in private settings. Bolsonaro shared photos on social media of himself and US Ambassador Todd Chapman, neither wearing a mask.

ROME

Italian govt agrees to take in 180 rescued migrants

Italy on Sunday authorised charity vessel Ocean Viking to transfer 180 migrants rescued in the Mediterranean to a ship in Sicily for quarantine, the ship's operator and the government said. The migrants have been on the Ocean Viking for over a week, with fights and suicide attempts on board prompting the charity to declare a state of emergency on Friday.

Oli set to break away from his party

Nepal PM warns of crisis; speculation on forming new coalition with Oppn to stay in power

KATHMANDU

THE crucial talks between embattled Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli and the ruling Nepal Communist Party's executive chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on the issue of power-sharing failed on Sunday, but they agreed to meet again on Monday to sort out their differences ahead of the party's powerful Standing Committee meeting.

The Prachanda faction, backed by senior leaders including Madhav Nepal and Jhalanath Khanal, has been demanding that Oli step down both as party chair and prime minister.

K P Sharma Oli

As both the leaders stick to their respective stands, the talk could not bear any fruit, said a source close to the prime minister.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Oli has met with former prime minister and president of the opposition Nepali Congress Sher Bahadur Deuba. Although it is not clear what issues were discussed during their meeting, there is speculation that Oli might have sought Deuba's backing to save his government in case the ruling party splits.

On Saturday, he said that the ruling communist party is facing a grave crisis, indicating that it may split soon.

Speaking at an emergency meeting of the Cabinet at his official residence, Oli told the ministers that 'some of our party members are also trying to remove President Bidya Devi Bhandari from the power,' My Republica newspaper quoted a senior leader as saying.

"Conspiracies are being hatched to remove me from the post of prime minister," Oli said.

During the Cabinet meeting, a defiant Oli said that he will not be forced to accept the party's Standing Committee decision. He urged the ministers to make their position clear whether they support him or not.

"I had to make a quick decision to prorogue the budget session of Parliament last week after coming to know that some of our party members were hatching conspiracy," he said. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Imran sacks lawmaker over leaked audio clip

The ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf on Sunday expelled a senior lawmaker, days after a controversial audio clip was leaked on social media in which she was purportedly heard speaking on the increasing role of the military establishment in the government and commenting on the private lives of Prime Minister Imran Khan and his third wife. The PTI in a statement said it has expelled Punjab Assembly member Uzma Kardar from the party for "violation of discipline". However, it offered no further explanation.

SINGAPORE

Total cases near 45K

Singapore has recorded 136 new Covid-19 cases, mostly foreign workers living in dormitories, taking the total number of coronavirus infections in the country to 44,800, according to the health ministry. Among the new Covid-19 infections, 118 are from the community.

SRI LANKA

Schools to reopen today after 3 months

Sri Lanka will re-open its schools in a phased manner from Monday after keeping them closed for 115 days due to the lockdown imposed in the country to contain the spread of the coronavirus, the Ministry of Education said on Sunday. Ranjith Chandrasekera, the additional secretary to the ministry, said students from grades 5, 11 and 13 will resume schooling on Monday. In the next phase, students of grades 12 and 10 will return on July 20. The students of grades 3,4,6,7,8 and 9 would return to schools on July 27.

Rescue works underway in Kuma village, in Japan's Kumamoto prefecture | AFP

Flood toll hits 18, Japan braces for more rains

TOKYO

ABOUT 34 people are either confirmed or feared dead—including 14 at a nursing home—after torrential rain in Japan triggered massive floods and mudslides, authorities said Sunday.

Rescuers were searching for 14 others still missing after floods hit the Kumamoto region on the southwestern island of Kyushu, destroying houses, sweeping away vehicles and causing bridges to collapse. The regional government confirmed 18 people had died, while another 16 were declared in a state of "cardio-respiratory arrest"—a term often used in Japan before a doctor officially certifies death.

Fourteen of those feared dead were at a nursing home inundated when local rivers broke their banks. Emergency services rescued 50 people from the facility.

"Tables and sofas were floating around and you could not move," an official told private TV network JNN.

Japan almost always suffers from flooding during its rainy season but rescue and evacuation efforts this year have been further complicated by the coronavirus outbreak.

"We will do our utmost to prevent the spread of the infection and make the lives of those who had to flee their home as comfortable as possible," Disaster Management Minister told reporters. At a cabinet-level meeting in Tokyo on the disaster, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged financial support, while warning residents in Kumamoto to brace for more rain.

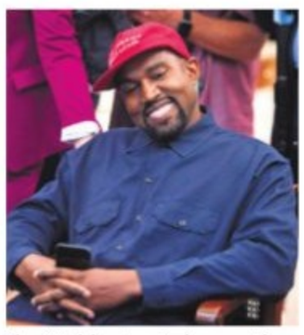
Kanye says he's running for prez

WASHINGTON

KANYE West, the entertainment mogul who urges listeners in one song to "reach for the stars, so if you fall, you land on a cloud," claimed Saturday he is challenging Donald Trump for the US presidency in 2020.

"We must now realize the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States! #2020VISION," the born-again billionaire rapper tweeted as Americans marked Independence Day.

West offered no further details on his supposed campaign, four months before the November election, and it is unclear if he has officially registered to run for office.


Elon Musk has tweeted support for the star rapper | AFP

> **Ie must now realize the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States! #2020VISION**
>
> Kanye West

Hundreds of thousands of Twitter users reacted to the star's announcement and "Kanye" shot to become the top trending term on the platform, although many questioned whether the volatile rapper would go through with his plan and others claimed it was a publicity stunt.

His wife, reality star Kim Kardashian, replied with a US flag emoji, while Tesla CEO Elon Musk wrote: "You have my full support!"

The 43-year-old has mentioned running for president several times and he said last year he would run for president in 2024. West long ago broke ranks with most of the left-leaning entertainment industry to loudly voice his support for Trump.

In 2018, they met in the Oval Office—a surreal tete-a-tete that included a hug from the rapper as well as an on-camera rant featuring an expletive not often repeated for the White House press corps. But in 2019, during an interview with Zane Lowe of Apple Music's Beats 1 show, he said his support for Trump had been a way to razz Democrats—and announced his own presidential ambitions. "There will be a time when I will be the president of the US, and I will remember... any founder that didn't have the capacity to understand culturally what we were doing." *AFP*

THE OPENING SCENE

Revellers dance in a street in London's Soho area on Saturday night after pubs opened in the UK for the first time in over three months. The revellery prompted the UK police to warn the government that drunk people can't socially distance | AFP

Has the oil hit its peak demand?

Although crude prices have rebounded from coronavirus crisis lows, oil experts are starting to ask if the industry has crossed its peak demand

BLEAK FORECAST

- The International Energy Agency (IEA) forecast that average daily oil demand will drop by eight million barrels per day this year, a decline of around eight percent from last year
- While the agency expects an unprecedented rebound of 5.7 million barrels per day next year, it still forecasts overall demand will be lower than in 2019 owing to ongoing uncertainty in the airline sector

COVID WOES

- In recent months, the concept of peak demand has come into vogue, with the coronavirus landing an uppercut into fuel demand for the transportation sector followed by a knock-out punch from the transition to cleaner fuels
- The transport sector may never fully recover, says Michael Bradshaw, professor at Warwick Business School says. "After the pandemic, we might have a different attitude to international air travel or physically going into work," he said

92.5 million barrels is the projected average daily oil consumption for 2020

'SCIENCE FICTION'

- However, not everyone agrees that oil has peak demand. Ajmi at consulting and auditing firm E&Y dismissed as "science fiction" the idea that a definitive drop in oil demand could suddenly emerge

PREPARING FOR THE WORST

- The industry is already writing down the value of assets to face up to the new market reality of lower demand and prices
- Royal Dutch Shell said this past week that it will take a $22 billion charge as it re-evaluates the value of its business in light of the coronavirus. Last month, rival BP reduced the worth of its assets by $17.5 billion

100.9 million barrels per day was the average daily oil consumption in 2019

REBOOT

Shakeup in UAE govt as Covid pinch hurts economy

ABU DHABI

THE United Arab Emirates announced a wide-ranging government shakeup on Sunday aimed at creating a more flexible and modern bureaucracy to tackle challenges as the coronavirus and lower oil prices erode what was already sluggish economic growth.

The UAE prime minister and ruler of the emirate of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, published the ministerial changes on his Twitter account, saying the goal was to create a 'government that is faster in decision making and is more up to date with changes.' Many powerful officials kept their jobs under the Cabinet shake-up.

As part of the shakeup, the ministries of energy and infrastructure were merged and will be led by current Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei. The new ministry will oversee a national housing program for Emirati citizens, among other federal agencies.

Sheikh Mohammed also announced the creation of a new Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology that will be led by Sultan al-Jaber, who is among the highest-profile figures in the UAE.

A woman was named to head the nascent Emirates Space Agency. Sarah al-Amiri is currently leading the UAE's Hope Probe to Mars, which will launch this month with the goal of providing a new look at the planet's climate. *PTI*

Trump takes aim at China, radical Left in Independence Day address

US President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump watch as the US Air Force Thunderbirds and US Navy Blue Angels perform a flypast in Washington DC as part of the Independence Day celebrations | AP

WASHINGTON

THE United States marked an unusually somber Independence Day on Saturday, with President Donald Trump bashing domestic opponents and China—but praising the country's coronavirus response, despite a record surge in cases.

Across the country, coronavirus fears dampened or nixed Main Street parades, backyard barbecues and family reunions on a day when Americans typically celebrate their 1776 declaration of independence from Britain.

Instead of adopting a unifying tone, Trump—facing a tough re-election and eager to mobilize his political base—railed against protesters demanding racial justice after unarmed African American George Floyd was killed by a white police officer.

"We are now in the process of defeating the radical left, the Marxists, the anarchists, the agitators, the looters," Trump said. Anti-racism protesters who have marched in cities across America are "not interested in justice or healing. Their goal is demolition," he claimed.

Speaking from the White House lawn, Trump addressed a crowd that included frontline health workers battling Covid-19, which has killed nearly 130,000 Americans.

He accused China—where the outbreak originated—of a cover-up that allowed the illness to race across the globe, but hailed American "scientific brilliance."

"We'll likely have a therapeutic and or vaccine solution long before the end of the year," he said. Some of the US leader's sharpest words were for the media, which he accused of a campaign to smear opponents as racists. *AFP*

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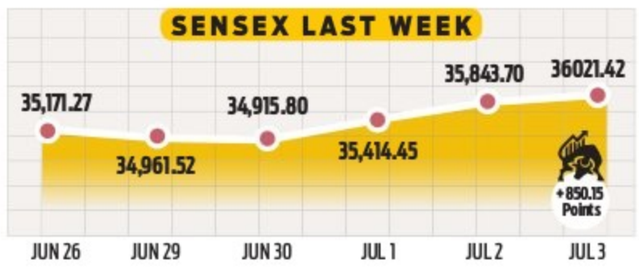

EXPRESS READ

INCOME TAX

EXTENDED TAX RETURN DEADLINE MAY BE NEEDED

With a rising number of coronavirus cases, the tax department may have to further extend deadlines to help the taxpayers comply with statutory norms, experts said. Gaurav Mohan, CEO AMRG & Associates said, "Considering the current situation, more and more relief measures are needed for the taxpayers to keep the economy rolling which are being introduced with time".

COMM COST

TELECOM TARIFF HIKE INEVITABLE: EY REPORT

A tariff hike in the telecom sector is "inevitable" as the current structure does not allow reasonable returns for operators, according to EY. While a lot would depend on how the pandemic plays out, Prashant Singhal, Media & Entertainment and Telecommunications (TMT) Leader at EY said two rounds of tariff hikes can be expected within the next 12-18 months.

Large investors and corporates will record a sharp fall in returns

Stamp duty impact to be muted for small investors

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

FROM July 1, the Government of India has imposed a Stamp duty of 0.005 per cent on all transactions carried out by mutual funds, systematic investment plans, and daily stock traders. While experts claim that the move will only largely impact businesses and big investors, there are still a few things it will change for the run-of-the-mill retail participant.

For one thing, those who are planning to invest in mutual funds will now be getting a lesser number of units for the same investment. So when you buy units, the stamp duty will be auto-deducted. For example, if you intend to invest ₹1,000 in a mutual fund at a net asset value (NAV) of ₹10 then, instead of getting 100 units, you will now only get 99.995 units due to the stamp duty deduction. This will be the case for dividend reinvestment plans too, in which dividend reinvested in buying fresh units will attract stamp duty.

The duty will also be applicable for the transfer of mutual fund units, which will be levied at 0.015 per cent. But no such duty is applicable on redemption or sale of units.

Experts claim that this amount is too little to make a significant impact for the small investors. According to Archit Gupta, founder and CEO, ClearTax, if the actual amount invested in case of SIP is ₹10,000 a month, the stamp duty stand at just ₹0.5 on each monthly investment and ₹6 for the entire year.

Also, for an investor investing ₹1.5 lakh in an ELSS scheme, the stamp duty they will have to pay will stand at just ₹7.50. However, this levy is set to have a rather large impact on big investors, businesses and corporates who keep their money in short term liquid instruments, especially for less than 30 days.

For example, in the case of a liquid fund which is generating 3.5 per cent returns, with a seven-day holding period, the return will now fall to 3.24 per cent. With a 30-day holding period, returns will stand at 3.44 per cent after accounting for the stamp duty, which will diminish returns for many corporates who park their money in liquid funds.

The stamp duty has been imposed through an amendment in the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 via Finance Act 2019. It requires the collection of stamp duty on all securities market instruments, including mutual funds. Originally to come into effect from January 9, the government had postponed it due to the pandemic.

RAJAS KELKAR

A lot has happened. The first half of the year 2020 has created experiences like never before. Disruptions to your life are a norm. Your personal finances are affected in multiple ways. Interest rates are trending down while gold is soaring. Equity assets are witnessing a volatile trend as uncertainty continues to loom. After falling dramatically in March 2020, the S&P BSE Sensex has gained significant ground. It covered a distance in these few weeks that previously took it three years—between 2014 and 2017.

As an individual, all of that can be overwhelming. The message coming out from the weeks gone by is that you need to stay put. Financial markets are betting on a V-shaped recovery in the economy. That is not just in India, but all over the world.

A lead indicator suggests what lies ahead. If you are on a highway, a signboard would tell you that there is a curve or a bump ahead. It will usually give you all the information you need about the road you are taking before you get there.

Financial markets are often on the look out for such signs. That is perhaps the reason why today's market prices are a function of tomorrow's profits and earnings.

The IHS-Markit manufacturing and services PMI (or Purchase Managers Index) work as signboards for your road ahead. It is a monthly survey of purchase managers from services and manufacturing businesses on their ability to buy goods and services.

From India's standpoint, the services PMI matters since the country is predominantly a services economy. As for China and many other countries where manufacturing is a prominent driver of growth, the manufacturing PMI assumes significance.

For the month of June 2020, the Services Business Activity index was 33.7. That was significantly higher than 12.6 reported in May 2020. However, the survey results are positive for the economy if the index is over 50. That indicates expansion. The index in June is well below that. The agency highlighted only 4 per cent of the businesses surveyed reported any growth in business while 37 per cent recorded a drop.

What it means

A key factor here is that the services economy in India is showing a recovery but is well short of expansion. It means economic activity has improved over initial periods of lock-down and bounced back.

That is perhaps the reason why financial markets are optimistic too. However, gold prices and the S&P BSE Sensex cannot rally at the same time for long. A rally in gold indicates fear in the market while a rally in the Sensex typically indicates greed.

The biggest factor creating dichotomy like that is the surging number of infections around the world. India is already the fourth biggest country with infections. Any recovery in the economy is dependent on the control of the spread of the disease and discovery of a vaccine or an anti-viral.

A lot of economic activity is restricted. As a result businesses that cater to recreation, entertainment and manufacturing are witnessing limited activity. Businesses that can conduct themselves remotely like technology and other services delivered online are doing well. A lot of it depends on activities you do as an individual. According to US-based Texas Medical Association, grocery shopping, receiving food delivery, walking in the park or playing tennis, eating at a restaurant, waiting for a doctor's appointment, playing golf and spending two nights at a hotel are low to moderate risk activities.

Going to a bar, working out at a gym, going to a movie theatre or a stadium, travelling by plane are all moderate to high risk activities. There are analysts predicting a prolonged period of low demand.

As someone looking to identify opportunities for future growth, you may want to align your investments accordingly. Investing in shares of businesses that cater to healthcare, consumer products, food or groceries and delivery of food and other essentials are a good option. A lot of structural shift may happen towards digital payments and documentation. Businesses that enable a digital eco-system are also good investment options.

Money, just like water, should not stay at one place. It should be ploughed around businesses. That enhances its productivity and creates a compounded return over the years. All it takes is an ability to buy and hold.

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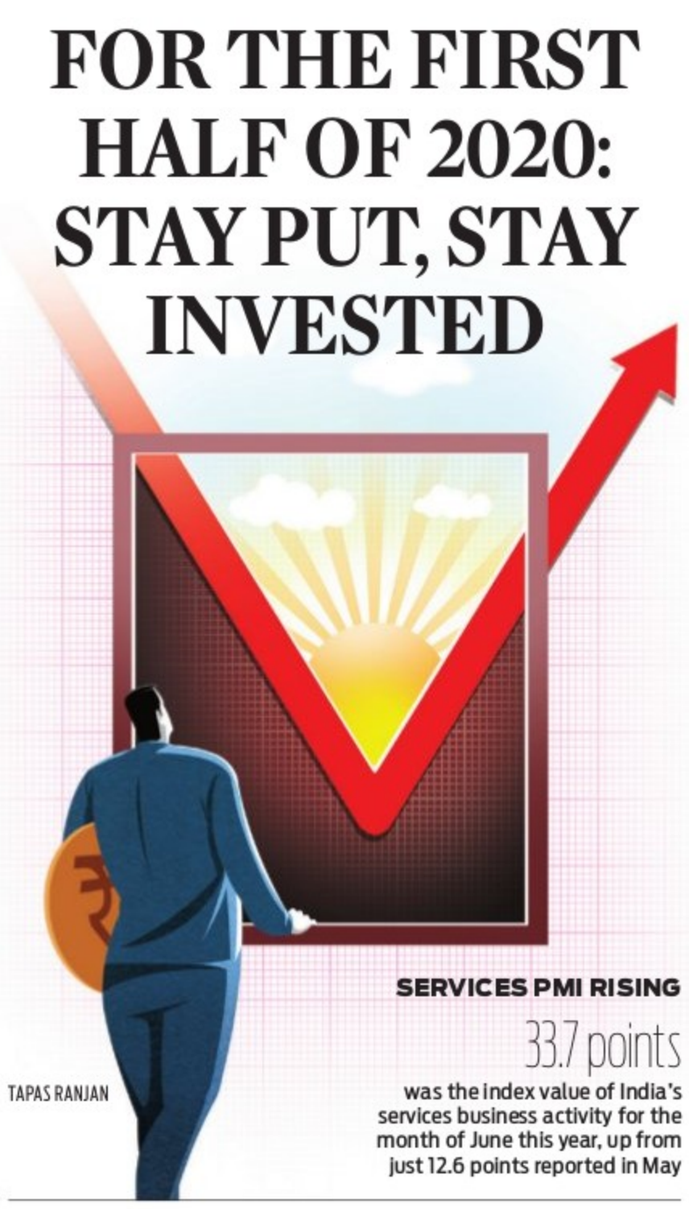
FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2020: STAY PUT, STAY INVESTED
TAPAS RANJAN
SERVICES PMI RISING
33.7 points
was the index value of India's services business activity for the month of June this year, up from just 12.6 points reported in May

MONEY-WISE

In uncertain times, get an adviser

LET me start by saying that I do not know of any investor with serious money (upwards of $1 million) who works on a DIY (do it yourself) basis. Just none. And the number of people I know in this set should be in excess of 100. That is not insignificant. I am not saying that such people do not exist, but I have not yet met them.

With a 9-year bull run behind us, enough people think that they can manage their own portfolios, beat the market, and achieve their financial goals.

I do know that there is a huge gap between what people say and what they achieve. Yesterday, I was talking to an IAS officer about his portfolio—and he realized some of his mistakes chasing returns.

Sometimes, it is necessary to talk about risk and sometimes about the expected returns. Research can suggest a lot of things that a retail investor should do, but not all investors can invest rationally. In the real world, an investor's financial situation, attitude towards risk taking, and beliefs about the future direction of financial markets are always changing.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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The same investor who invested rationally at the age of 30, may turn irrational at the age of 40. Sudden shifts in their job, health, or children behaviour are all factors that can tempt them to make poorly timed investments based solely on emotions, not logic. One wrong or bad move can wipe out years of hard work.

People who have never managed other people's money have no business saying "I can do it, so can you". Sure, it is tempting, but not everybody should attempt DIY. I know of some DIY advocates who have consistently under-performed the market. But hey! Beating the market is not what they set out to do. They set out to do something else. So if your goal is to beat the market or just meet your financial requirements see if you can do it yourself!

So, when I asked a few HNIs what their investor does for them, I learnt some interesting things:

- Trust and Communication: People with a 'don't trust anybody' kind of a mental frame cannot seek help. However, when a person is financially successful he/she understands how an adviser can communicate well to avoid the behaviour gap. I don't see how an app can ever control this behaviour gap.

I have been able to talk to clients and cool them down. I have been able to keep people in equities far beyond the point where 'theory' says they should. I have been able to make clients more oriented towards happiness and relaxation than worry about the extra 1 per cent return in a scheme.

I have been able to talk to big investors about being in funds with lesser standard deviation. I have moved money from mutual fund to fixed deposits when the client's tax structure changed. No, an app cannot do that. That is clear.

- Ability to separate the grain from the chaff and the ability to see news items in context of his goals. It is but natural to watch television or read something in the pink papers and get excited. It is necessary to keep calm and realise that everybody who writes does not have experience, knowledge, training or education in finance, human behavior, law.. and yes, personal finance is now the world's most expensive hobby.
- Having an automated or well thought out process and not just some ad hoc guess work!

Insurance sans compulsory deductibles

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WITH automobile insurance likely to see a dip due to the Covid-19 pandemic, insurance firms have begun offering customers extra benefits in an effort to lure them in. For instance, there is now a waiver of the 'Compulsory Deductible' component in insurance policies being offered by Liberty General Insurance through its 'Liberty Assure' plan.

The product is an outcome of insurance regulator IRDAI's regulatory sandbox. Under the offering, the customer will not have to bear the cost of the 'Compulsory Deductible' component charged on every claim. The new feature, offered at no extra premium, will also give customers even more control over their insurance costs, the company said.

"Like in all Motor insurance policies, a compulsory deductible is the amount that the insured must pay. If the compulsory deductible for a private car is ₹2,000 and the customer incurs a total assessed claim expense of ₹2,500, then the insurance company will pay ₹500... Now, with Liberty Assure, this ₹2,000 will also be paid by the insurance company," Liberty General said.

Despite pandemic, MFs' investments rise four-fold

CAPITAL INFLOW

₹39.5K cr invested in the markets by mutual funds in H1 2020

₹30.3K cr invested in the markets by MFs in March 2020 alone

Dynamic asset allocation funds had increased equity allocations to 60 per cent by March-end

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUTUAL fund investors, especially stock market debutants, have become very aggressive. Despite a sharp slowdown in economic activity across the globe, mutual funds have made a net investment of ₹39,498 crore in stocks in the first six months of 2020, more than four-times (₹8,735 crore) the amount infused a year ago. Of this, over ₹30,000 crore was invested in March alone, latest data available with Sebi showed. The healthy flow into equity-oriented mutual funds comes even as the pandemic has decimated revenues across sectors.

Fund managers say that this only displays a more mature investor behaviour where in participants are viewing market corrections as an opportunity rather than a threat.

"The sharp sell-off in the equity market by foreign investors led to cheaper valuations driving domestic mutual funds to do value buying," according to Bajaj Capital. The four-fold higher inflow in the first half of 2020 can be explained by the rising popularity of asset allocation funds, which in turn used them to pick up stocks at attractive valuations after the steep fall in March.

MFs invested a net ₹1,384 crore in equities in January this year, ₹9,863 crore in February, and a staggering ₹30,285 crore in March. While they pulled out ₹7,965 crore in April, the trend reversed in May investing ₹6,522 crore. In June, flows have reversed again, with an outflow of ₹612 crore, the data showed.

Dynamic asset allocation funds, a category with a cumulative AUM of ₹98,000 crore as of February, and carrying net equity exposure of 40-45 per cent on average, had increased their equity allocation to about 60 per cent by March-end, capitalising on the attractive valuations. They have maintained net equity exposure of 55-60 per cent since then.

Even the aggressive hybrid mutual funds had increased equity allocation in March, Bajaj Capital noted.

However, funds struggled to grow assets under management (AUM). Mutual funds' asset base dropped eight per cent in the quarter ended June. Average industry AUM of 45 players, stood at ₹24.82 lakh crore in April-June period as compared to ₹27 lakh crore in the preceding quarter.

NEW AGE LEDGERS

Digital account-keeping saves time and money: HostBooks

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

Gurugram-based fintech start-up HostBooks has seen a significant growth in its financial management services during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The introduction of GST has made easy, simplified account-keeping a critical must for most entrepreneurs, observes **Kapil Rana**, founder and chairman, HostBooks in an interview with *TNIE*. Digital account-keeping and storage are crucial tools in this new system and SMEs have to take advantage of that, he adds. Excerpts:

What are the problems faced by small businesses with regards to filings. Especially GST returns?

With the introduction of GST, the taxation system has evolved significantly, everything has now moved to online system including return filing, reconciliation and assessment.

The billing and invoicing system has changed with the concept of e-invoice and digitally backtracking of transactions. The mapping & matching concept and online GST regime made it impossible to be compliant in old paper filing and here the role comes for an efficient all-in-one solution like HostBooks.

For SME business, HostBooks automates everything like billing, purchases recording, matching, filing single click GST returns, pooling all bank accounts, handles books of accounts, reports inventory, income tax, TDS, point-of-sale so on and so forth. The In-built document management system, the Business intelligence tool and its ability to process & manage data on the fly anywhere anytime empowers a business to be self-driven. It automates banked business processes, reduces compliance burdens hence saves time and money for the business.

SMEs are facing serious financial issues because of the Covid-19 pandemic...

SME's have been the most affected in their business during this COVID pandemic. They are trying hard to bring back the efficiency in the 4P's i.e. Product (service), Profitability, Placement, Positioning which has been severely disrupted due to this pandemic. Quick adoption of a strong, agile, sophisticated and automated digital backbone system will accelerate the recovery and possibly growth.

With the informal cash business drying out, the only option left with the SMEs is to be compliant and bank on the formal institutional lending option from banks and FII for their working capital needs.

How big is the market and how is HostBooks doing?

The SME market is huge and a significant part of them are digitally unserved. Hence, the market is huge and we see immense business potential. Presently, we are serving ~51,000 users through the platform, ~30% of which we added during this pandemic. We have grown strongly in terms of our monthly run-rate and have a strong business plan to serve 2 million in the next 3 years.

Lanka's Mendis arrested after fatal road accident

Sri Lanka batsman Kusal Mendis was arrested on Sunday after the vehicle he was driving hit and killed a 64-year-old cyclist. The accident took place at 5am on the Old Galle Road in the Colombo suburb of Panadura. Mendis will appear before a magistrate even as the police conduct an investigation into the accident.

Ombudsman to examine Kohli conflict complaint

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

IS Virat Kohli violating the BCCI's conflict of interest rules? Going by a complaint filed by Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association life member Sanjeev Gupta, the India skipper is one of the three partners in a company which among other things manages cricketers. Gupta has written to BCCI ombudsman Justice (retd) DK Jain, who said the complaint will be examined.

In his communication to the ombudsman under the heading "Complaint under BCCI Rule 39(2)(b) against Shri Virat Kohli Breaching BCCI Rule 38(4)", Gupta said Kohli is occupying two posts. First as a player and second as a contractual entity. "Virat Kohli is occupying two posts at a time in blatant violation to BCCI Rule 38(4) approved by the Supreme Court of India. As such, he must relinquish his one post at once," wrote Gupta.

Documents submitted by Gupta show Kohli is a 'designated partner' of Cornerstone Venture Partners Llp, with Amit Arun Sajdeh and Binoy Bharat Khimji. This is a sister concern of Cornerstone, which manages sportspersons including India cricketers KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Rishabh Pant, Umesh Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Shubman Gill and Kohli himself. Amit Arun Sajdeh and Khimji are in the management of Cornerstone, with Jogesh Lulla and Arun Sajdeh.

Speaking to this daily, Justice Jain confirmed receiving the communication. "It has reached the BCCI office and I will examine the complaint first before deciding whether to issue a notice (to the respondent, Kohli in this case). We receive many complaints. Not all of them are maintainable. I have to go through this before deciding action is to be taken or not," said the BCCI ombudsman, who doubles up as ethics officer.

A spokesperson on behalf of Cornerstone said they were aware of Gupta's complaint, but refused to comment. "At the moment, we don't want to say anything on this. We have seen the mail and we don't want to comment on the matter."

"I humbly solicit Learned Ethics Officer to forthwith pass the order directing Shri Virat Kohli to give away one of his post, in compliance to BCCI constitution Rule Number 38(4)," Gupta wrote. An active player, that too the captain of the national team, being a stakeholder in a player management firm might amount to conflict of interest. Not part of the selection committee, captain's opinions are considered before selecting the team.

Of Test, best & the rest

Oz spin consultant Sriram opens up on England-WI series & India's tour of Australia

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

FORMER India player and Australia's spin coach Sridharan Sriram is pleased to note that Test cricket will be back with the England-Australia series starting on Wednesday. He thinks the visitors can put England under pressure in the first Test in the absence of Joe Root. He also predicts an interesting series when India tour Australia later this year.

Many players feel it will be England's batting versus the West Indies pace attack?
It should be an even contest. West Indies have a battery of fast bowlers after a long time. After the days of Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, this is the best attack they have. It's a good opportunity for them to press for a win. Joe Root has been the linchpin of England's batting. Since he's not there (in the first Test), England's top order is slightly inexperienced. This can be exploited.

How do you look at the rule which stops players from using saliva to shine the ball? Eric Simons said with sweat one can get reverse swing. Do you agree?
Not sure about it. It depends on how sweat will work in England. In cold conditions, you will not sweat. So how effective it will be we don't know. In India we sweat a lot and it may work. In England one will not get that much reverse swing. We have to wait and see.

Australians are known to use saliva a lot. Have you devised any method to change the habit?
It's too early to say what methods we will use to avoid the saliva habit. Once we start training and get into the groove, we will work on it.

How have Australian players kept themselves busy during the lockdown?
Players are following their fitness regimen and keeping themselves fit. The break is a great time to spend time with families. They have been travelling a lot for the last 18 months. It's a good time for them to get back to their families.

Last time when India toured Australia, Steve Smith and David Warner were not able to play. This time both are available. Will the team perform better this time?
India is always a tough side and matches against them are keenly contested. Smith and Warner being back augurs well for us. But during this crisis, nobody has played for a long time. Whether Smith or Kohli or Warner or whoever it is, you are coming after a long layoff. It's not going to be easy for anyone. Previous records would mean nothing because you have not played for almost 6-8 months. The teams are on an even platform. Everybody has to start from scratch.

What is special about Smith's game? How does he excel in all formats?
He's a great problem solver. He has the ability to adapt to situations, conditions and bowlers. He can quickly change his game to suit the conditions. I worked a bit with him on playing spin. But he has got his own game against that. He's a master at what he does and can play all the shots. He's also judicious in stroke play, which sets him apart.

Cricket has not been played in Australia for a long time. During the India series will pitches be lively and bouncy?
It's difficult to say because we have not thought about it. Everybody had a break. Whether the grass is fresh or whether we are able to get more lively tracks we have to wait and see. There are three to four months to prepare.

How will the Kookaburra ball behave when used without saliva in Australia?
This is something new. We cannot predict. We have to see how the Dukes behaves. It has a more pronounced seam than a Kookaburra ball.

Any special plan to contain Virat Kohli?
He's a great player. One of the best in the world. It's not easy to average over 50 in all formats. His records speak for him. We have not yet decided on any plan for him. There is time. We are thinking of regrouping.

India have tried several openers in Test cricket in the last two years. Would you look to exploit this instability?
Like every team, we would like to get an early breakthrough. Then one can get to see Cheteshwar Pujara and Kohli play against the new ball, which gives you a good chance to get them out. So one will definitely try for initial breakthroughs to put pressure on the top order.

EXPRESS READ

CAG rep raises vital point before AC meet

NEW DELHI: The CAG nominee in the BCCI's Apex Council, Alka Rehani Bhardwaj, wants the body to discuss its reconstitution when it meets on July 17, saying the issue needs to be on the agenda as the tenures of board president, vice-president and secretary have either ended or ending soon. The BCCI has sought extensions from the court for president Sourav Ganguly, secretary Jay Shah and joint secretary Jayesh George.

Third-round 66 lifts Atwal to tied 18th

DETROIT: Indian golfer Arjun Atwal put on a master class as he drove well to fire a six-under 66 in the third round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic to end the day at Tied 18th, here. At one stage he went from the cut line to shared-lead for a very brief period. When he finished, Atwal was tied-4th but later as the others teed off and took advantage of a low-scoring day, which coincided with the American Independence Day.

Buffon breaks Serie A appearance record

MILAN: Gianluigi Buffon set a new Serie A appearances record on Saturday as Juventus beat Torino 4-1 in the Turin derby to move seven points clear at the top of the table after Lazio lost to a Zlatan Ibrahimovic-inspired AC Milan. The 42-year-old goalkeeper passed the previous record of 647 appearances he held with AC Milan great Paolo Maldini as he started the game.

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SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION/ Call-2

(E-Procurement portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from the consultants having experience for undertaking the responsibility of preparation of DPR, Assistance in Tender Process and, Execution & Supervision with their competitive rates.

Name of the Work: "Consultancy for Preparation of DPR (Including Preparation of Estimates, Survey, Drawings) and Project Management for the Construction of Marine Export Unit at Kulai, Dakshina Kannada District" EMD: Rs.50,000/- (through e-procurement portal). Tenderers are requested to submit tenders only through e-procurement portal Government of Karnataka **http://www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in** cost of document: as per e-portal norms. Tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement portal from **02.07.2020 to 10.07.2020 upto 4.30PM**. Last date for uploading tender is **10.07.2020 upto 4.30PM**. Technical Bid of tender opening date:**13.07.2020 upto 11.30 AM**. Commercial Bid of tender opening date:**14.07.2020 at 3.00 PM**. Tenderers who have not registered with e-procurement portal may get registered immediately and participate the tender.

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E- Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, General Manager, NFC-Kota, Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad-500 062, invites sealed item rate tenders from the eligible contractors who have executed works of similar nature and magnitude for the following work:

Sl.	Tender No & Name of the work	Estimated Cost	EMD
1	**NFC-K/ELE/2020/06 Industrial Lighting for Zirconium Fabrication Facilities at NFC-Kota**	₹7,35,27,000/-	₹14,70,540/-

Period for view and downloading : 06.07.2020 to 25.07.2020
Due date for online submission : 10.08.2020 up to 21:00hrs
Due date for receiving hard copies : 17.08.2020 up to 14:00hrs
Due date for opening bid : 17.08.2020 at 15:00 hours

Detailed NIT can be viewed from **www.nfc.gov.in**, tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE**. Bidders must have a valid class III digital signature certificate and must enroll with **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE**.

General Manager, NFC-Kota
For and On behalf of President of India

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
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For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy invites sealed tender as per the tender system noted below for the following works from the experienced relevant class in PWD contractors. The tender will be opened **as mentioned below** by the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

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Marudaiyaru Basin Division, Ariyalur

1) Reconstruction of the Anicut across the Chinnar river to feed the Vadakkalur Agraharam Tank in Kunnam Taluk of Perambalur District.
2) Construction of a Check Dam across the Kallar river in Pandagapadi Village of Veppanthattai Taluk in Perambalur District.
3) Construction of a Check Dam across the Kallar river in V.Kalathur village in Veppanthattai Taluk in Perambalur District.

Last Date for Receipt of Tender : 24.07.2020 upto 3.00 PM
Opening of Tender : 24.07.2020 - 3.30 PM

The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from the web site **upto 23.07.2020 - 5.45 PM**
Details of EMD, remittance of EMD and other details can also be available from the Government Designated website : **(http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)** and in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy.
Any corrections / Corrigendum if any will be issued in the above web site only.

DIPR/2504/TENDER/2020 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, WRD, MIDDLE CAUVERY BASIN CIRCLE, TRICHY**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E procurement portal only)

The Superintending Engineer (Ele), IT & MT, HESCOM, Hubballi invites short term tender in two parts (Part –I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II : Price Bid) through e-procurement portal for the following works

Sl.No.	Bid Indent No.	Tender Description
1	HESCOM/ SEEIT/EEIT1/ AEEIT1/CCC/ 01/2020-21	"Selection of the agency for providing man power (Call Centre Executives/ Agents) services to the Centralized Customer Care (CCC) Centre at Navanagar, HESCOM, Hubballi"

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained after 04:00 PM Dated : **06-07-2020** by logging on to the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. **Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El)**
No.DIPR/DWD/2020-21/184/MCA **IT&MT, HESCOM, Hubballi.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-2/F-114/20-21/Cys-26 Date: 04.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

(1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/20-21/**774** Dt.01.07.2020 **for Replacement of 2x8 MVA by 2x12.5 MVA Power Transformer at 66/11 KV Station Sasaluhalla in Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District (Excluding the material / equipment supplied by KPTCL) on Partial Turnkey basis.**

(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/20-21/**768/Call-2** Dt.02.07.2020 **for Providing Copper Control Cable and Wiring of 11 KV Breaker Panels for Remote Operation at Pandarahalli in Chitradurga District on Total Turnkey Basis.**

Tenders will be accepted through **e-Procurement** Mode Only. For Further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in & click on to hyperlink e-procurement-kptcl** to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 06.07.2020.**

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No.: UED/DB-1/327/2020-21 Date: 26-06-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Notification No. UED/DB-1/e-Proc/IFT-07/2020-21 DT: 26.06.2020
(Through GoK e-procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, University Engineering Division, University of Mysore, Mysore invites tender for the Package works in two cover system, tender procedure through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka as per Karnataka transparency in public procurement act 1999 and rules 2000, and as per Clauses/Conditions of Standard Tender Document K/W- 3 from eligible registered Class-I Civil contractors. The last date for Receipt of Tenders: **13.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM.** Tender must be accompanied by earnest money deposit which will be paid online through e-procurement portal **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as specified in the tender document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender. Any further details can be had from the above office during working hours. **Details of work:**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Period of Completion (including monsoon)
1	Renovation and Extension of Existing Physical Education Men's Hostel Building UOM	150.00	2,25,000/-	09 Months

Details of Tender Schedule under e-Procurement is as below

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Accessing the bid document on e-portal from	26.06.2020	After 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for Tender Queries / Clarification	05.07.2020	Upto 4.00 PM
3	Date & Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	08.07.2020	At 11.00 AM
4	Last date & time for receipt tenders	13.07.2020	Upto 4.00 PM
5	Date & Time for Opeing of Technical Bid	14.07.2020	After 11.00 AM
6	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	16.07.2020	After 11.00 AM if possible

Note: Detailed may be obtained from e-procurement portal, Government of Karnataka website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Additional details may be obtained from this office or through Phone No. 0821-2419383 or Mobile No.9448788943 DIPR/DDMYS/265/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

SHIVAMOGGA CITY CORPORATION, SHIVAMOGGA
Short Term Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ:ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಕಾವಿ–2:ಸಿಆರ್:6/2020–21 Date: **01.07.2020**

Tenders are invited in single cover system through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and as per Standard Tender Document rules for carrying out the following works under City Corporation Grants in Shivamogga City Corporation limits. The interested tenderers can obtain the details through e-procurement portal: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. Last date to apply for tender forms through e-procurement payment: **On 08.07.2020 (upto 4.00 P M).**
2. Date of opening of tender bid through e-procurement: **On 09.07.2020 (after 4.30 P M)**
3. Time for completion of works: **04 months (including rainy season)**

Sl. No.	Indent	Name of the work	Approx Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	E M D Amount (In Rupees)	Reser--vation	Class of Contractor
1.	96754 /Call-2	**Package 4: 1.**Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Urdu Higher Primary School building, Vidyanagar, Shivamogga. **2.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Higher Primary School building, Manjunatha Layout (Siddeshwaranagara), Shivamogga **3.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Higher Primary School building, Purale, Shivamogga.	49.75	99,500.00	SC	Class 1
2.	96765 /Call-2	**Package 1: 1.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Urdu Higher Primary School building, Tippunagara-B, Shivamogga. **2.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Urdu Higher Primary School building, New Mandli, Shivamogga **3.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Higher Primary School building, Harakere Shivamogga. **4.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Higher Primary School building, New Mandli, Shivamogga.	47.60	95,200.00	SC	Class 1
3.	94796 /Call-2	**Package 7: 1.** Construction of toilets at Govt. Higher Primary School, Gurupura. **2.** Construction of toilets at Govt. Higher Primary School, Siddeshwaranagar. **3.** Construction of toilets at Govt. Higher Primary School, Purale.	48.00	48,000.00	SC	Class 1
4.	93951 /Call-5	**1.**Construction of toilets at Govt. Higher Primary School, Malavagoppa. **2.**Construction of toilets at Govt. Urdu Higher Primary School, Sulebailu. **3.** Construction of toilets at Govt. Kannada Higher Primary School, Sulebailu.	44.10	88,200.00	Others	Class 1
5.	96770 /Call-2	**1.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. B. P. U. College building, B H Road, Shivamogga. **2.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Higher Primary School building, Savar Line, Shivamogga. **3.** Repairs and lime painting works to the Govt. Urdu High School building, B H Road, Shivamogga.	48.00	96,000.00	SC	Class 1

Note: Any amendments pertaining to this tender will be notified through e-procurement only.

DIPR/SMG/No.23-07/zenkar/2020-21 Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Dvn-2), City Corporation, Shivamogga**

Misfolded protein build-up in the gut could contribute to the development of Alzheimer's-like symptoms, researchers have shown in the *Journal of Physiology*.

Jordan began putting electronic bracelets on travellers who have recently arrived in the kingdom to ensure that they observe home-quarantine against the spread of coronavirus.

EXFILE

The original search engine

Agostino Ramelli, a military engineer in 16th-century Italy, was a master in designing utilitarian things such as water pumps and grain mills. But one of his favourite designs, which he didn't end up building, was a machine to make studying multiple books easier. A group of engineering students in the US decided to bring the Renaissance-Era bookwheel to life

8 books capacity

270 kg weight

FERRIS WHEEL

The apparatus is a revolving wooden wheel with shelves angled to make reading comfortable

WHO BUILT IT

Undergradute engineering students from Rochester Institute of Technology in the US. Their work, finished in 2018, has become popular and been replicated in Russia and other places in the US

COMPLEX GEARS

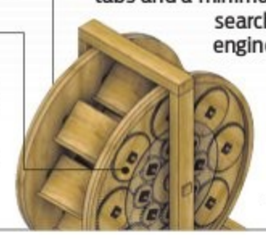
The core mechanism of the apparatus, *Atlas Obscura* reported, is the epicyclic gearing system that has outer gears rotating around a central one, like how planets revolve around the Sun in the solar system

Using the wheel is sort of like having 8 browser tabs open

WHEEL'S PURPOSE

Books had references to each other even in the 16th century. Experts say a bookwheel may have made researching a topic by cross referencing several books easier then

Some liken it to having modern digital tools such as hyperlinks, browser tabs and a minimal search engine



SHOW-OFF

Matt Nygren, one of the engineers, said the machine is historically significant but may not have been practical to build in the 16th century. "The design is pretty ostentatious. Ramelli seemed to be showing off his knowledge of gearing," he added

1588

Agostino Ramelli was an ideas guy. He published 195 of his best design ideas in the 1588 book *Le diverse et artificiose machine del Capitano Agostino Ramelli* or "The various and ingenious machines of Captain Agostino Ramelli". One of the most famous designs was the bookwheel, which may have been born out of frustration with handling very heavy and cumbersome books of that time

Virus is airborne: Scientists challenge WHO

Global agency underplays risk of airborne transmission, emphasises handwashing instead, over 200 experts say

CRUCIAL DEBATE

WASHINGTON: The World Health Organization has long insisted that the novel coronavirus spreads mainly through large respiratory droplets — aerosols which fall quickly to the ground after a person sneezes, coughs or talks.

But experts have been saying for some time that this stance needs to be revised in light of new cases emerging from indoor spaces such as bars and restaurants.

In an open letter to the WHO, 239 scientists from dozens of countries said that they have evidence showing smaller airborne virus particles that linger in the air indoors can be infective, the *New York Times* said on Sunday.

"If airborne transmission is a significant factor in the pandemic, especially in crowded spaces with poor ventilation, the consequences for containment will be significant," the *Times* said. "Masks may be needed indoors, even in socially distant settings. Health care workers may need N95 masks that filter out even the smallest respiratory droplets as they care for coronavirus patients."

Furthermore, schools, businesses and nursing homes may need to add or change their ventilation systems to minimise recirculation of air. Ultraviolet lights may have to be employed to eliminate virus particles inside a room.

The WHO's infection prevention committee is slow in updating its guidance as per recent scientific evidence, the *Times* reported, citing interivews with members of the committee and a dozen WHO consultants.

"I do get frustrated about the

A Muslim teacher wears a face shield in the province of Narathiwat in Thailand, where schools have reopened | AFP

issues of airflow and sizing of particles, absolutely," Mary-Louise McLaws, a committe member and epidemiologist, was quoted as saying. "If we started revisiting airflow, we would have to be prepared to change a lot of what we do," she said. "I think it's a good idea, a very good idea, but it will cause an enormous shudder through the infection control society."

The WHO has in its infection guidance focussed on handwashing as a main prevention strategy, even when there is little evidence of the virus spreading from surfaces.

Dr. Benedetta Allegranzi, the WHO's technical lead on infection control, told the *Times* that the evidence on airborne transmission is not solid.

"Especially in the last couple of months, we have been stating several times that we consider airborne transmission as possible but certainly not supported by solid or even clear evidence," she said. "There is a strong debate on this."

Infected people produce tiny aerosols that linger in th air as well as larger droplets that fall to the ground. Experts agree the virus spreads quickly during prolonged close contact.

Balanced approach?

Some WHO officials say that the agency does not want to update its guidance on aerosols as that may affect lower-income countries.

"If the WHO were to push for rigorous control measures in the absence of proof, hospitals in low- and middle-income countries may be forced to divert scarce resources from other crucial programs," the *Times* said.

Paul Hunter, a member of the infection prevention committee, said: "That's the balance that an organization like the WHO has to achieve. It's the easiest thing in the world to say, 'We've got to follow the precautionary principle' and ignore the opportunity costs of that."

FACT OF THE MATTER

Impact of poor sleep as infants

LONG-TERM HEALTH

Researchers have found that sleeping problems in early childhood may be linked to the development of certain mental health disorders in adolescence. The study published in *JAMA Psychiatry* found that young children who routinely woke up frequently during the night and experienced irregular sleep routines were associated with psychotic experiences as adolescents. The researchers also found that children who slept for shorter periods at night and went to bed later were more likely to be associated with borderline personality disorder (BPD) during their teenage years.

Apple purges 4.5K games

CHINA APP STORE

Apple has removed at least 4,500 games from China's App Store under the pressure from the Chinese government to comply with its Internet policies. More than 3,000 games were removed from Apple's China App Store in just two days last week, which is one of the biggest game purges on Apple's App Store ever, reports TechNode. New regulations require game developers to gain approval from the Chinese regulators before uploading their apps in China's Apple App store. Apple's iOS may generate 53% of total mobile game revenue in China, as per reports.

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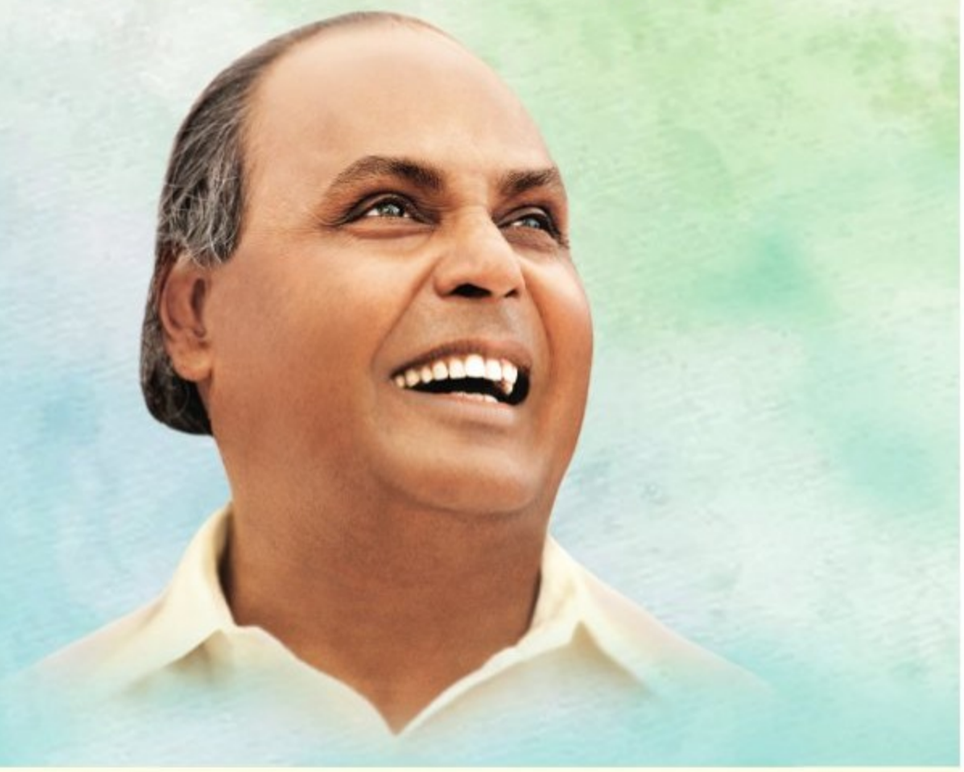

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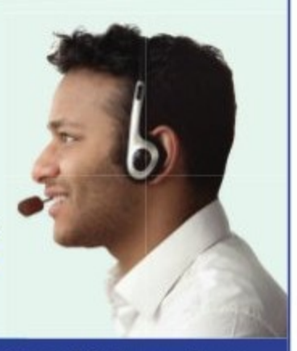

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Former President of the United States, George W Bush was born on this day in 1946. He was the 43rd President of the US from 2001-09

WINNING THE VOTE

Bush became the first person, since 1888, to be elected President despite having lost the nationwide popular vote. Before his election as President, Bush was a businessman and governor of Texas

IRAQ WAR

His time in office was dominated by the controversial 'war on terror' that began with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He initiated the Iraq War in 2003

LIBRARY

George W Bush Presidential Library and Museum inside Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, serves as a resource for the study of the life and career of George W Bush

Kitty gets rugged look for Veeram

PG 4

FEAR FACTOR

Vamsi Mudiam

Mayuri Rajaram

Egg Factory (top) has postponed its opening while 13th Floor is temporarily closing doors again

While many restaurateurs had their hopes pinned on Unlock 1.0, rising number of cases is forcing them to reconsider their decision to re-open

Simran Ahuja

Mayuri Rajaram was relieved to see diners in her restaurants again when she reopened the outlets three weeks ago. Though the 50-75 customers she that saw across Ebony, 13th Floor and ASEAN were a far cry from the pre-Covid numbers (800 diners), a small trickle too was more than welcome after weeks of being shut during the lockdown. The feeling of comfort was, however, short-lived. As the number of Covid-19 cases shot up in Bengaluru, the footfall fell again. With operational costs involving rent, salaries, overheads, and now sanitisation too, piling up, Rajaram was forced to make a tough decision: "We are going to close the restaurants, albeit temporarily. We will be back in business once things are better," says the director of Aswati Inns.

Rajaram is not the only one thinking along these lines. Last month, the spike in number of coronavirus cases in the city prompted Vidyarthi Bhavan to also stop its dine-in service from June 27 onwards. Across town, restaurateurs and hospitality professionals are facing a similar platter full of worries, and are taking various measures to combat the situation. Some like Nidhi Nahata of JustBe Resto Café are choosing to delay restarting dine-in services, while Chianti is considering staying open only three days a week for dine-in. While a decision is yet to be arrived upon, co-owner Vamsi Mudiam tells CE he is mulling over keeping the restaurant open only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This will affect revenue, he admits, but adds, "Right now, self-lockdowns are need of the hour."

Yogesh Mokashi, founder of Egg Factory, calls the current spike in cases inevitable. The eatery, which has four outlets across Bengaluru, has stayed shut since the beginning of the lockdown and will continue to do so. Deliveries will not be carried out either, since it makes up only 20 per cent of their sales. Explaining the math, Mokashi shares how during pre-Covid times, 80 per cent of the establishment's sales volumes covered all their running expenses (including fixed and variable costs). "But today, if I were to open my restaurant, my sales volume wouldn't even be able to cover the fixed cost," he adds.

The new curfew norms are leaving behind a bitter after-taste for most in the restaurant scene. An 8pm curfew means they can't cash in on dinner crowds, which often trickles in 9pm onwards. "It makes sense for us to operate when it is safer to do so. And since 13th Floor is a bar, we also need to be able to serve alcohol without timing restrictions in order to sustain ourselves," says Rajaram. Mokashi, who feels similarly, adds that dinner makes up at least 30-40 per cent of his sales volumes. "Besides, the charm of eating out is also not the same anymore. With PPE kits, gloves and sanitisers, one just feels like they are at a hospital. I'm going to play it by the ear till the situation improves," he adds.

Homegrown affair

Simran Ahuja

Preetha Ima has been a busy woman these days. With people wary of ordering from or dining in at restaurants, food made by home chefs like Ima have been more in demand. "Earlier, I got more weekend orders. But now, every day is like a Sunday and I get 20-30 orders daily," says the Hebbal resident. Rachna Rao, co-founder of FoodyBuddy – an app that connects buyers with home chefs, says there has been a huge demand for them in these times. A new app launched by them, called Chef Buddy – meant to help those running their home food business – has seen more than 1,000 sign-ups in one month alone.

Other home chefs report a similar trend. Through her venture House of Ghorpade, Supriya Ghorpade offers heirloom dishes that have been part of the Sandur royal family for generations.Her new clientele has gone up by 30 per cent and these days, Ghorpade also has to turn down orders on some days. "I stay near Jakkur but I've had customers order from CBD, JP Nagar and Whitefield too," she says. A single point source, says Ghorpade, who adds, "Over time we've built a relationship with our customers so people have that comfort level."

It is exactly this point that Madhu Sundararajan finds convincing. She has ordered home-cooked meals 8-9 times since the beginning of the lockdown. With no domestic help or cook, Sundararajan was soon starting to find it tedious to manage chores and meal preparation. Ordering from a home chef started to give her just the respite she needed. "It feels more relatable to order from them because they seem just like you and me. I do feel like home chefs take more care about safety than a kitchen that produces mass quantities of food," says Sundarajan, who finds an added bonus in supporting female-run businesses through this.

Some home chefs have also had to reinvent their dishes in this time. Ima, who uses the app FoodyBuddy to sell her dishes, has had to add momos, pani puri, lasagna, butter chicken, tangdi kabab, and idly vada to her menu as well. While orders for special occasions like birthdays were bigger pre-lockdown days, now, Ima has noticed a need for simpler dishes too. "One of my customers ordered just 30 chapatis that would go along with the curry she prepared. The ability to order smaller portions also makes home chefs popular," says Ima, who mainly provides dishes to those residing in the same apartment complex as her. Agrees Ghorpade, who says people want a break from cooking every day. "They are looking for hearty food but also healthy options. Our menu has authentic Maharastrian dishes like pandhra rassa, tambda rassa which is basically like *ghar ka khaana* but not so common in the south," she adds.

Sumitra Kalapatapu, who used to offer home dining experiences for Andhra cuisine before Covid, is now selling pickles and podis from home instead. While she has been doing this occasionally over five years, this is the first time she is trying it full-time. "We have to adapt to the times," she says, adding that her podis, including curry leaf powder and mulga podi, have been a big hit. "When they don't feel like cooking, my customers like to add some of the podi to a simple dish of curd rice to make it taste better," she says.

Sumitra Kalapatapu

Preetha Ima

Pic: Meghana Sastry

Facing bitter realities

Express Features

For over two decades, Ganesh and Ramesh K have been selling Indian and Chinese food near BEML Gate. But the pushcart vendors now have hardly any business to speak of. "These days, it's difficult to break even," says Ganesh, adding that despite precautionary measures like wearing masks, gloves and hair nets, and using disposable paper plates and sanitisers, customers remain wary. "Procuring ingredients costs about ₹3,000 a day. Prior to Covid-19, the going was easy but now, I think twice before buying material," he says, adding that moving to a different location will not help matters much.

Agrees Ramesh who earlier had a healthy footfall, mainly comprising cab or bus drivers and office goers. "I have two kids aged 7 and 3 years. People are scared to step out and they perceive our stalls as unhygienic. The pandemic has only made matters worse. My kids are yet to begin school this year and I have a loan to repay. We cannot stay at home," says Ramesh, adding that monsoon brings in additional worry.

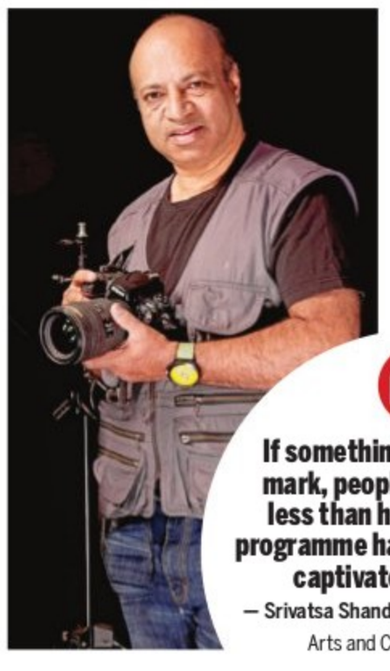
File photo

Vereesha, who sells chaat in Indiranagar, expresses similar worries. "I have been doing this for 20 years, and for the first time, I see people fearing visiting my cart," he says. Vereesha now earns less than ₹1,000 a day, and says other vendors who sold momos and dosa nearby are hardly seen now.

The vendors are thankful to the few customers like Vishal R, who do visit them. Vishal, a mechanic working near BEML Gate, says, "These stalls serve fresh food and they follow hygiene norms. Such worries existed even prior to Covid." Others like Pankaj Sajnani, a techie, have completely stopped eating street food. "We would rather go to a restaurant where we know that hygiene is followed," says Sajnani.

BLAST TO THE PAST

Twist to tradition: Yesteryear music in modern set-up



If something is not up to the mark, people will tune out in less than half a minute. The programme has to be different to captivate the audience

— **Srivatsa Shandilya**, founder, International Arts and Cultural Foundation

Vidya Iyengar

The month of April usually sees cinema photographer Srivatsa Shandilya organising a tribute to veteran actor **Dr Rajkumar** during his birth month. But this time it was different with the strict lockdown in place. But better late than never, and so Shandilya has decided to go ahead with this on August 15. Organised by his foundation, International Arts and Cultural Foundation, the online programme, Dhwani Karnataka, will bring together 32 professional singers from different district in the state. "Dr Rajkumar and his films have always left me in awe. When I started my organisation in 2013, my first programme was related to his films. Ever since it had become a tradition to organise a birth anniversary tribute," says Shandilya.

While previous programmes combined the tunes of classical songs of yesteryear with dance forms like Bharatanatyam and Kathak, this year, owing to the several restrictions, the programme will come with its limitations. With an overload of online programmes comes the challenge of holding the attention of the audience. "There are tonnes of videos on the internet which people are exposed to. So, if something is not up to the mark, people will tune out in less than half a minute. The programme has to be different to captivate the audience," he says, adding that he is going ahead with this programme since he didn't come across many classical art programmes.

File photos of Dr Rajkumar

The reason he's picking one singer from each district is because he feels that while Bengaluru artistes are exposed to online festivals, it's not the case with the others. "We want to use technology to bring all of them onto one platform," says Shandilya, who, so far, has been sharing recordings of his previous festivals on social media.

While in the past Shandilya has organised a classical dance festival for transgenders, he is also working on bringing alive the poetry of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. "This is being attempted through classical dance forms," he says.

The festival will be streamed on the social media page of the International Arts and Cultural Foundation.

TAPIOCA PANCAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Tapioca:** 2
- **Raw rice:** 1/2 cup
- **Green chilli:** 3
- **Asafoetida and salt to taste**
- **A few curry leaves, and oil**

METHOD

- Soak the rice for two hours.
- Cut the tapioca into thin slices and grind them in a mixie adding little water.
- Add the soaked rice to it. Add chillies, asafoetida, salt and grind to a fine paste. The batter should be of dosa consistency. Add the curry leaves to the batter.
- In a tawa, pour a ladle of tapioca batter, spread it thinly, smear oil on it.
- When done, flip it on the other side and cook similarly.
- Serve hot with any chutney of your choice.

– by Rama Shecar, Cochin

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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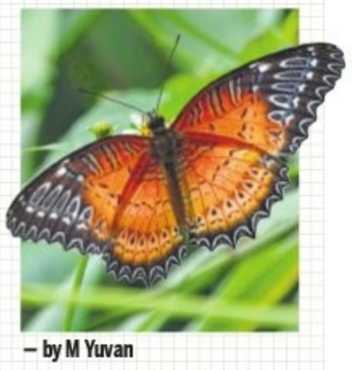
NATURE TALK

POINTILLISM

- A technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of colour are applied in patterns to form an image.
- A simultaneity, a grand puzzle between microcosms and the macrocosm.
- A fairly recent branch of art, established in the late nineteenth century.
- But in use for many epochs by moths and butterflies, their tiny coloured scales in place of dots, fitted in exact spaces.
- Living, flying mosaics depicting on their wings what they may have evolved to evoke, express.



– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

A GENEROUS GOODBYE!

It may have been Father's Day for dads across the US, but for Rosario Del Real, a native of Zacatecas, Mexico, it was another day at work. The 70-year-old, donning his traditional vaquero suit and cowboy hat, was pushing his cart around the Chicago neighbourhood selling paletas (Mexican ice-pops). Friends Oscar Gonzalez and Victor Dominguez were hosting a Father's Day barbecue with their families and invited Rosario to join them. Moved by his grit, they decided to buy all the paletas so that he could go home and rest for the day. A friend recorded a video of the heartwarming gesture and posted it on TikTok. The video went viral. They harnessed the publicity and set up a fundraiser to help him retire with a grand sum of $62,000. From moving to the United States in 1969 as a poor immigrant to buying a home and settling with his family in Chicago, Rosario's hardwork finally paid off. He later posted a video expressing his hearty gratitude.

Source: goodnewsnetwork.org

APPSMART

Octopus
Octopus Gaming Engine supports most apps and games, you can add whatever you want to play.
- **Available on:** Android

AnyBooks
Read the full library offline. There are millions of books available at your fingertips. It's an app for every kind of reader.
- **Available on:** Android

Noteshelf
Perfect note-taking app for taking notes at school, work, or for some casual handwritten notes.
- **Available on:** Android & iOS

FIT BIT

VIRASANA
(HERO POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'vira' means 'hero' and 'asana' means 'pose'. Virasana is a basic seated posture, but it requires some flexibility. This asana also has a very calming and soothing effect on the mind. It activates the Muladhara (root chakra), which is located at the base of the spine. Energising the Muladhara promotes a sense of security and is also associated with health, passion and abundance.

STEPS

- Kneel down on the mat. Keep your thighs parallel to each other and foot turned outwards.
- Bend forward and twist the calves outside with the help of your hands.
- Sit on the ground between the feet and breathe out. During the practice, if you are feeling any distress, try to sit in a comfortable pose.
- Place your hands on your thighs, palms facing down.
- Now relax the upper body and shoulders, your spine should be straight and elongated.
- The crown of your head should point to the ceiling.
- During the practice, assume that you are a hero or warrior, who sits tall and proud.
- Hold this pose for 30 seconds to 1 minute. Breathe normally.
- Relieve your feet, ankles and knees. Bring it forward and shake your legs.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the hips, thighs, knees, ankles and feet, and greatly improves their flexibility.
- Improves blood circulation and relieves tired legs.
- Strengthens foot arches, relieving flat feet.
- Improves digestion and relieves gas.
- Helps relieve the symptoms of menopause.
- Improves posture.
- Reduces swelling of the legs during pregnancy (through the second trimester).
- Therapeutic for asthma and high blood pressure.
- Useful in meditation.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from any problem in heart, thighs, ankle, leg, back, neck or joint pain, migraine or spinal disorders avoid this.
- If you have chronic pain, inflammation, a recent hip or knee injury or disc hernia, avoid this.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

ADULTING
Did you ever think being an adult would be this hard? Neither did our hosts Michelle Buteau and Jordan Carlos. The comedians talk about adulting with some of the funniest, most creative adults around.
- On Apple Podcasts

HIDDEN BRAIN
American journalist Shankar Vedantam uses science and storytelling to reveal the unconscious patterns that drive human behaviour, shape our choices and direct our relationships.
- On Apple Podcasts

BUSY BEING BLACK
Busy Being Black with Josh Rivers is the podcast exploring how we live in the fullness of our queer Black lives.
- On Google Podcasts

THE MINDSET MENTOR
The Mindset Mentor podcast is designed for anyone desiring motivation, direction, and focus in life. Host Rob Dial helps people find the best version of themselves and lead a life with love and purpose.
- On Google Podcasts

WTF WITH MARC MARON
Marc Maron welcomes comedians, actors, directors, writers, authors, musicians and folks from all walks of life to his home for revealing conversations. Marc's probing, comprehensive interview style allows guests to express themselves in ways listeners have never heard.
- On Google Podcasts

LITTLE WOMEN: A MODERN AUDIO DRAMA BY SHANNON CAMPE
Written by actor Shannon Campe, Little Women: A Modern Audio Drama is based on the popular novel by Louisa May Alcott. The 18-part fiction podcast features the life and adventures of the four March Sisters.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KOTIGOBBA 2
A real estate agent disguises himself as a robber and loots wealthy people. When the police begin the investigation, he tries to convince them that his identical twin brother is the culprit.
- Cast: Sudeep as Sathya/Shiva

MUNGARU MALE 2
Preetham, the son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, is driven by excitement and easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
- Cast: Preetham, V Ravichandran, Aindrita Ray

MR. AND MRS. RAMACHARI
Ramachari and Divya fall in love after the former saves her from a group of bullies in their college. However, they part ways when Divya begins to question his behaviour, trust and way of life.
- Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit

SHANKARABARANAM
Sankara Shastri is a devout and famous dassical singer who finds a fan in Tulasi, a prostitute's daughter. She wants to devote herself to his service, but her mother wants her to become a prostitute.
- Cast: JV Somayajulu, Manju Bhargavi, Chandra Mohan

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ANCIENT CELTIC DRUID BY PHILIP FREEMAN
Camma lays two pigeons on the altar at the centre of her village. She wrings the birds' necks and cuts them open to examine their entrails for divine messages. Camma is a druid. She serves as a judge, healer and scholar, and mediates conflict between Celtic tribes. Philip Freeman outlines a day in the life of a druid.

2 THE INVISIBLE MOTION OF STILL OBJECTS BY RAN TIVONY
Many inanimate objects around you seem perfectly still. But look deep into their atomic structure, and you'll see a world in constant flux – with stretching, contracting, springing, jittering, drifting atoms everywhere. Ran Tivony describes how and why molecular movement occurs and investigates if it might ever stop.

3 WOULD YOU OPT FOR A LIFE WITH NO PAIN? BY HAYLEY LEVITT AND BETHANY RICKWALD
Imagine if you could plug your brain into a machine giving you pleasure for the rest of your life. But, you have to permanently leave reality behind. Hayley Levitt and Bethany Rickwald explore Robert Nozick's thought experiment – The Experience Machine.

4 WHY SHOULD YOU READ KURT VONNEGUT? BY MIA NACAMULLI
Kurt Vonnegut found the tidy, satisfying arcs of many stories at odds with reality, and he set out to explore the ambiguity between good and bad fortune in his own novels. He tried to make sense of human behavior by studying the shapes of stories. Mia Nacamulli dives into the sometimes dark, yet hopeful works of Vonnegut.

5 STOP BEING A BYSTANDER IN YOUR OWN LIFE BY TRACY EDWARDS
"Life doesn't go from A to B – it's messy," says sailing legend Tracy Edwards. In this inspiring talk, she tells how she went from teenage misfit to skipper of the first all-female crew in the toughest race on the seas – and how she now helps young people around the world achieve their dreams, too.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

K.G.F: CHAPTER 1 (Kannada)
Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.
- Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Anant Nag
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

NEXT ENTI (Telugu)
A young woman breaks up with her boyfriend when she learns he does not believe in true love, but her next boyfriend is not a perfect match either.
- Cast: Tamannaah, Sundeep Kishan
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

LOVE MOCKTAIL (Kannada)
After rescuing a woman, Adi reminisces about his love life and tells her about all the heartbreaks he endured in his quest to find his true love.
- Cast: Krishna, Amrutha Iyenga, Milana Nagaraj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ANURAGA KARIKKIN VELLAM (Malayalam)
Raghu, a police officer, lives with his wife and two children. His relationship with his unemployed son, Abhi, intensifies after a person from his past re-enters his life.
- Cast: Asif Ali, Rajisha Vijayan
- Watch on: MX Player
- Registration: Free

SUFIYUM SUJATHAYUM (Malayalam)
Sujata is in love with her neighbour, a Sufi priest but her father gets her married off to a well-do-to NRI, in Dubai. Ten years have passed since and she thinks that she's left that love in her past – until, one day, she gets a call. Her husband decides to bring her back to the village.
- Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Jayasurya
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHEKKA CHIVANTHA VAANAM (Tamil)
Three brothers conspire against each other in a bid to take over their father's criminal empire following his sudden death. Meanwhile, someone else tries to take advantage of the rift between them.
- Cast: Arvind Swamy, Jyotika, Vijay Sethupathi, Aditi Rao Hydari
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

MUNDINA NILDANA (Kannada)
Three people with different goals set out on a liberating journey to find the next stage of their lives.
- Cast: Ananya Kashyap, Radhika Narayan, Praveen Tej
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

FORD VS FERRARI (English)
American automotive designer Carroll Shelby and fearless British race car driver Ken Miles battle corporate interference, the laws of physics and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. Together, they plan to compete against the race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.
- Cast: Matt Damon, Christian Bale
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: `399 per year

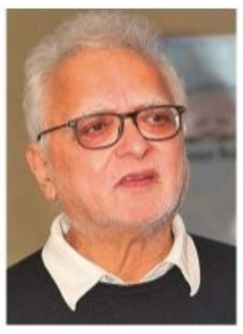
HAMILTON (English)
The story of Alexander Hamilton – politician, statesman and Founding Father.
- Cast: Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jonathan Groff, Daveed Diggs, Phillipa Soo
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

HANNAH (English, series)
Hanna is an extraordinary girl who has been raised in the forest, evading the relentless pursuit of an off-the-book CIA agent. This series – part high-concept thriller, part coming-of-age drama – follows the girl on her journey as she tries to unearth the truth behind who she is. "Hanna" is based on the 2011 film of the same name that starred Oscar-nominated actress Saoirse Ronan in the title role.
- Cast: Esme Creed-Miles, Joel Kinnaman, Mireille Enos
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

CRIP CAMP (English, Documentary)
Crip Camp starts in 1971 at Camp Jened. A summer camp in New York, it is a "loose, free-spirited camp designed for teens with disabilities". The film focuses on campers who turned themselves into activists for the disability rights movement and fought for accessibility legislation.
- Cast: Larry Allison, Judith Heumann, James LeBrecht, Denise Sherer Jacobson, and Stephen Hofmann
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

TURNING PAGES

Poems for the times



ALL RELIGIONS ARE ONE

When the righteous
regardless of faith
Invoke the prophets
who direct a soul
To Him, they are like
wine from several cups
Poured to mingle and
fill a single bowl
Their praises are directed
to the One
So all prayers and religions
are the same
Directed ultimately
to one light
Of Him, regardless
of the earthly name
That one or other
religion may use
To praise the One. Though
some in error fall
Into mistaking the radiance
of light
From the Moon reflected
on a blank wall
For the light from the
radiant moon itself
Or seeing its reflection
in a well
They mistake its
image for the real thing
And worship it. Only the
Moon can tell
If this worship, being
for a reflection,
Is idolatry leading
prayers astray -
Are all images
condemned as idols
Forbidden to the
worshipful who pray?

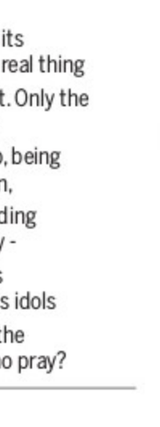
WHY FEAR DEATH

Starting life as a
grain of dust I died
And passed into
the life of moving things
Which in turn became
creatures of the tide
And crawled to earth
and to the air with wings.
Then these creatures
gave way to humankind
Death is the stepping
stone to higher states
So, one day I shall
die and hope I find
Myself admitted
through heavenly gates
Where angels dwell
and in time also die
And thus, transformed,
I'll shed the angelic shape
And become that which
neither brain nor eye
Can imagine or see.
This last escape
To non-being where
forms do not exist
United with His single
cosmic mist.

TODAY

Today I drink in taverns of the soul
Today all abandonment is my goal
Today don't ask me what we drunkards drink
Today just fill the cup and smile, don't think!
Today no night of separation looms
Today the brides will unite with their grooms
Today we celebrate with the Saki's song
Today with jugs and cups the night is long
Today the light of day becomes the night
Today all time suffers a mental blight
Today it's celebration, song and wine
Today is blessed with the spirit divine
Today we drown in what the Saki gives
Today the brightest Sun of Tabriz lives
Today Shams of Tabriz makes us all see
That all is oneness! Stuff philosophy!

(Extracted from Rumi: A New Collection, selected and translated by Farrukh Dhondy, with permission from HarperCollins)



CITY READ

College plants saplings dedicated to Covid warriors

The NSS Unit of Mangalore Institute of Management and Science (MIMS) planted saplings during an event dedicated to frontline workers engaged in fighting Covid-19. The chief guest for the event was Dr Satish Gowda, NSS Program Coordinator, Bangalore University. Prof Mallesha S, Principal, MIMS and Dr Devaraja B K, Principal, MPUC were also present. The event was coordinated by Bharath Kumar S and Sanjeeva M G, physical education director, under the supervision of the college principal.

Shiva has documented the complexity of rural and urban India, focusing on people and portraiture

WITH STREETS AS A STUDIO

Constable-turned-lensman Cop Shiva's works will be on display at Helsinki Photo Festival, which starts on July 7

Vidya Iyengar

> **As a police constable and migrant, I related to the difficulties faced by migrant workers, struggling to survive in the hope of living the big-city dreams**
> —**Cop Shiva,** photographer

If all was well, Shivaraju BS, popularly known as Cop Shiva, would have been in Finland, showcasing his photographs at the Helsinki Photo Festival. But three months ago, when he was intimated that he was one among the 40 photographers whose works would be on display, he thought he would wait it out, hoping that things would return to normal. "It would have been a big opportunity, especially since I'm the only one from India to be selected," he says about the show that is scheduled to start from July 7 where 12 of his images will be on display.

The theme of Shiva's work is 'Street As Studio' where he captures the life and dreams of migrants. Ironically, Shiva says, these workers who moved to Bengaluru in pursuit of a better livelihood, were always in the background. "It's only now that they have come into focus in times of corona," says Shiva, who decided to move back to his village, Bannikuppe, last year, wanting to be closer home. "As a police constable and migrant, I related to the struggle of other migrants, struggling to survive in the hope of living the big-city dream. After 22 years, I decided I wanted to come back and spend time with my mother," says Shiva who is now working on a photography project on re-imagining his childhood, and works out of his studio which he recently built at home.

Shiva recalls how the city's civic agency wanted to showcase Bengaluru as another Singapore, and commissioned banner painters to make murals across the city in 2008. "I had come across this during my duty, and it stuck on with me. While I personally connect with murals, I have also been interested in Indian studio photography tradition. That has almost disappeared in India, but I decided to turn the street into my studio," says the former policeman who has been pursuing photography full time for three years.

Shiva identifies with his subjects – people chasing a livelihood. "It was all a daze, with the morning rush to get to the police station, and evenings busy with my artistic pursuits," says Shiva. His interest in the arts started around 2007 when he was the coordinator of the art space and residency 1Shanthiroad, during which he managed over 100 exhibitions and events. In 2010, he decided he wanted to create his own work, and started juggling his full-time job and then hobby. "But that was getting hard, and I decided to choose this life over that," says Shiva who has never looked back since.

Over the years, Shiva has documented the complexity of rural and urban India, focusing on people and portraiture, having been fascinated with the "idea of masquerade and the roles people play in public and private". "My portfolio includes intimate portraits of urban migrants, people of alternative sexuality, street performers and others living in the hinterland of urban and rural conflict. I capture the diversity of humans who live on the edge and represent the spirit of our times," says Shiva whose works have been part of shows such as Chobi Mela in Bangladesh and the Kochi Biennale. He is also the recipient of 2017 grant of Prohelvetia-Switzerland and Swedish Art Council and 2016 finalist for the Harvard University Peabody Museum Robert Gardner Fellowship of Photography.

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

Brewing up a storm with 'OVERCOOKED'

I absolutely love it when I skip a few items on my daily task-list every workday. It gives a sense of purpose to a weekend, which would have otherwise been spent on the couch and watching live TV and lip syncing to the advertisements. However, the completion of the task-list during the weekend, is dampened by what I hypothesise as the Weekend Time Dilation theory. The weekend clocks record lesser elapsed time in an hour than a workday hour (which essentially means time moves faster -- this is proven by science, albeit extrapolated from a gravitational time dilation theory).

Overcooked is an excellent outlet to channelise the anxious weekend energy. The simulation game was free on the Epic Games store recently, and it also has a second edition. Although the game is relatively old, the hype has not dwindled, and you can play it on the PS4, Xbox One, PC or the Nintendo Switch.

The plot is simple -- the Onion Kingdom requires chefs to save it from danger. The game involves coordinated cooking. As a single player, it feels like it requires two brains to synchronise the movements of the multiple chefs to meet the deadline of the recipe. Make sure you have the in-game music playing nice and loud – it complements the tension of the situation very well, specifically when time is running out. When there are five orders waiting to be served, and your chef is still cutting only their third onion – the music very helpfully reaches a crescendo to get the blood flowing to your brain. It is interesting to note that weekend time dilation stops ceases to work during this tensed 30 seconds, as we end up doing those vegetable chops more efficiently. The game is teaching us an important moral here – deadlines and fast music can help defy physics, use their powers well.

Overcooked has a local co-op option, and an online option – which means you needn't suffer alone. While the game itself has absolutely no violence, you might find yourself shouting and screaming in frustration more frequently than you would while playing Battle Royale. I think it is because we expect disappointment from the Gulag in CoD Warzone; however, you would not anticipate that cutting onions and flipping steak could induce such wholehearted panic. Overcooked is unforgiving with its geometrically progressing level difficulty. I will take it a step further and say that you could even master the piano in a week, but most definitely not the single player version of Overcooked.

Kids, don't waste your time on the various Battle Royale formats and their luring loot-crates. Play Overcooked with your friends instead. 10/10 will burn down the in-game kitchen.

Sporty spirit

Aindrita Ray took to Insta to share snaps from her 30km uphill ride, which her husband and actor Diganth was a part of. A picture she posted even shows her carrying her cycle by the side of a waterlogged road. Always sporty, Ray didn't seem to mind it.

Soft spot for nature

Samyukta Hornad paid ode to the "greatest guru of life" on Guru Purnima. "Clouds, no matter how heavy they are... They sail through so lightly. Making parting look so beautiful." This is how her post on social media read.

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The shelf life of magazines

When Modi was featured on the cover of Time magazine, with the headline 'India's Divider in Chief', it created a huge uproar in the midst of the 2019 general election. There was a similar response when Manmohan Singh was on the cover with the tagline 'The Underachiever' in the July 16, 2012 issue.

Let's look back at the history of Indians who have made it to the cover of the magazine, which was started in 1923. Jawaharlal Nehru has been featured the most – six times; Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi and Narendra Modi three times each; Vinoba Bhave, Subhash Chandra Bose, Sardar Patel, Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh once each. Movie stars Parveen Babi, Aamir Khan and Aishwarya Rai, and sportspersons Sachin Tendulkar, Saina Nehwal and Virender Sehwag have been featured in its Asia edition. Incidentally, Sachin has been on the cover of various magazines more than 500 times!

Mahatma Gandhi is the only Indian to have been named the Time Person of the Year, in 1930 (the magazine introduced its annual January edition featuring Person of the Year in 1927). The September 14, 2001 issue devoted entirely to the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center was its best-selling issue: sales exceeded a million copies.

The late J S Sharma, a Bangalore-based book collector, used to collect old issues of India Today magazine! He was often seen squatting before pavement hawkers in Shivaji Nagar and Balepet, rigorously going through piles and piles of the magazine. He would painstakingly cross-reference a list of the issues he owned with the issues on the pavement to find those missing in his collection at home. In this way, over several years, he managed to lay his hands on every single issue. And then, perhaps not so strangely enough, he sold it to another collector and started all over again from scratch! Apparently he was more in it for the thrill of the chase than for owning a collection.

As more and more magazines transition from print to digital, the big question is: what is the shelf life of print magazines and are they worth collecting?

To start with, given the fragile nature of paper, most magazines will not survive over a long enough period to render them collectable. However, there are collectables with covers that feature important news events or stars in the music and film industries. Other collectables are old issues of Look, Life (particularly its November 29, 1963 issue with the cover depicting the recently assassinated JFK) and specialty movie magazines. Some also collect for the uniqueness of the content between the covers. For example, Playboy serialised Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 in its entirety in the 1954 March, April and May issues.

The most popular vintage magazine title has been Playboy, especially its undated first edition of December 1953 (v1 #1), which featured a Marilyn Monroe centrefold (a mint-condition issue is worth $6,35,000). National Geographic magazine issues which have Coca-Cola ads on the back cover, especially those with Santa Claus, are valuable, as are copies of Strand magazine that ran the Sherlock Holmes stories before they were published as books. The first two issues of Sports Illustrated are prized for the colour and black-and-white baseball cards included in them.

The November 8, 2016 issue of Newsweek published 1,25,000 copies of a commemorative magazine with Hillary Clinton's picture on the cover and the headline "Madam President". When this edition had to be recalled after Donald Trump was elected, the copies still available for sale became collectables.

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books.)

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KITTY GETS RUGGED LOOK FOR *VEERAM*

The *Sanju Weds Geetha* hero, who is known for his unique roles, will be a part of Khadar's directorial debut starring Prajwal Devaraj

● **CE Features**

Prajwal Devaraj's look from his upcoming film, *Veeram*, which showed him as a character with mass appeal, was released on Saturday, creating a buzz among the actor's fans. The film marks the directorial debut of Khadar, in which Prajwal plays a fan of legendary actor Vishnuvardhan. The commercial entertainer is all set to raise viewers' expectations by bringing together an interesting star cast. The film is being made under the banner of Disha Entertainments, and has Rachita Ram paired opposite Prajwal Devaraj for the first time. It also has Srinagar Kitty coming into the picture. The *Sanju Weds Geetha* hero, who is known for his pivotal roles, will yet again be featured as a unique character in *Veeram*. Going by the first look stills of Srinagar Kitty, the actor seems to have got himself a rugged avatar. According to a source, Kitty's character has a dark shade in *Veeram*, and his role elevates the story further.

Kitty is also set to play a magician in Suni's upcoming directorial, *Avatar Purusha*, which stars Sharan. Now his role in *Veeram* will generate equal curiosity. The commercial entertainer also has Deepak of Sishya fame as an antagonist, and the makers are also said to be in talks with one of the top villains in Bollywood to be a part of the project. *Veeram's* music will be handled by Anoop Seelin, while Lavith, the DOP of films like *Rama Rama Re*, and *Ondalla Eradalla*, will be taking care of the cinematography.

Prajwal Devaraj, Shashidhara K M and Kitty

PRK Productions to bankroll medical thriller

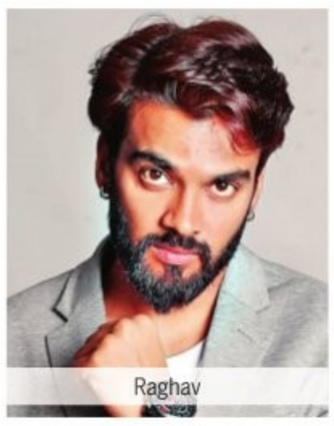
The film, titled *O_2*, will be directed by debutants Raghav and Prashanth Raj; joining hands with Puneeth Rajkumar's production house is Radhakrishna Reddy

● **A Sharadhaa**

After having made films like *Kavaludaari* and *Maybazar* 2016, and upcoming *LAW*, and *French Biriyani* *PRK Productions*, is now looking at a medical thriller. Titled *O_2*, the production, house created by Puneeth Rajkumar and producer Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, is sifting through good content and hunting for fresh talent.

Interestingly, Radhakrishna Reddy, who made his directorial debut with Mayabazar, will be joining hands with PRK as a producer. He has taken on board two new directors, Prashanth Raj, and Raghav, who will wield the megaphone. While Raghav is a tattoo artiste, Prashanth, is an architect, but both find common interests in filmmaking.

"The *O_2* script is the hard work of these two directors, who have worked on the script over the past four years. When they met me, they came with 20 drafts of their story. When they returned for feedback, I felt it was fresh content that could worked on-screen. So, I decided to be a part of the project. Everything fell in place when I got them to meet Appu (Puneeth Rajkumar), who shared my line of thinking. After all the discussions we brought them on board," explains Radhakrishna.



Raghav

Prashanth Raj

Radhakrishna Reddy

Raghav and Prashanth who met in film school are said to have really focussed on the storyline. "It's a rare subject since it is set against the medical backdrop. We had bounced the script to a couple of directors, including Raj B Shetty, who gave valuable feedback," Radhakrishna explains.

The makers have completed the auditions which were held online, and found a lot of youngsters interested in being a part of the project. While the team has short-listed a few names, they are now waiting to conduct the final round of auditions before finalising the cast.

Puneeth Rajkumar

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Meanwhile, Radhakrishna is excited that his directorial debut, *Mayabazar 2016*, could reach out to people in other states. Like PRK's first production *Kavaludaari*, the second film, made under their banner, has fetched remake rights in Tamil. "I am glad to know that Kollywood filmmakers have shown interest to make the film in Tamil," says the debutant director, who has made use of the lockdown to write stories. "I am ready with a couple of scripts and will take it further as and when I can," he says.

Zack Synder excited about release of Batman v Superman Ultimate Edition

● **CE Features**

When *Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice* released back in 2016, amidst soaring expectations, it turned out to be a dud and further damaged the image of the DC cinematic universe. The film was criticised for being incomplete and premature. However, the film over the years has gotten commendable takers and that could be the reason why HBO Max has decided against its initial plan of taking it down from the new streaming site. Instead, it has been replaced by the longer version of the film, which is known as Batman v. Superman Ultimate Edition.

The director of the film, Zack Synder, took to Twitter to celebrate the release of the Ultimate Edition which is about 30 minutes longer than the theatrical version. Zack shared the picture of Ben Affleck's *Batman from the Knightmare Sequence* and wrote, "Excited that Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice Ultimate Edition is now streaming exclusively on @HBOMax."

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— Zack Synder, director

The theatrical release is about 151-minute long while the Ultimate edition spans 183 minutes. The additional time will include scenes that explore in detail the development of the contention between Superman and Batman, introduction of other Justice League Members.

However, the sad news for the Indian DC fans is that HBO Max is yet to provide its service to India and the company has also said that it doesn't have any immediate plans to come to India.

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It took late choreographer Saroj Khan just 20 minutes to come up with the steps of Madhuri Dixit's iconic *Ek do teen* dance number in Tezaab. On Saturday evening, Madhuri shared a video to remember her "friend and guru" Saroj Khan, who passed away on Friday.

The video, titled A trip down memory lane shows Saroj Khan singing the song *Ek do teen* in her own voice and performing the hand movements of the dance along with Madhuri Dixit. The actress and the choreographer are seated on a sofa.

Madhuri says in the video that the credit behind the success of the song goes to teamwork. Khan recalled that it took her only 20 minutes to compose the entire choreography.

Madhuri also revealed that Saroj Khan told her once that she would choreograph many songs featuring Madhuri but would never repeat a single step.

"Every conversation with Saroj ji was full of knowledge, inspiration and energy. That's how she lived life and that is how I will always remember her," the actress tweeted.

On Friday morning, Madhuri Dixit had tweeted to express how "devastated" she feels at the loss of her "friend and guru" Saroj Khan.

Writers Siddharth-Garima: Audiences are in for a real surprise with *Jersey*

Writer duo Siddharth-Garima discuss *Jersey*, their debut directorial *Dukaan*, and finishing scripts during the lockdown

● **Shilajit Mitra**

Screenwriters Siddharth and Garima have kept busy during the lockdown. While self-motivation has been low (they recently lost their friend, Sushant Singh Rajput), the duo has managed to complete two bound scripts and brainstorm about a couple of others. Additionally, the writers are gearing up for their directorial debut, *Dukaan*. The film, based on surrogacy, was expected to go on floors soon but has been impacted by the lockdown. With the situation slowly limping back to normalcy, the makers have resumed work on the casting process.

"It's our most researched subject till date," the writing duo behind films like *Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela* and *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha* shared. "We have done multiple trips to Anand, Gujarat. We wanted to get a hang of the world there, to understand the socio-economic strata of the women who choose to become a surrogate mother via commercial surrogacy." The script of Dukaan has been in the process for four years. The writer-directors have also extensively researched the film's music, which is inspired by the Navratri season and plays a major part in the script. "It's been a long journey but we feel that a subject which has never been portrayed correctly in cinema, needs that time. In fact, the dukaan (business) of surrogacy has never been explored in cinema. It's a journey film, of the central character, with commercial surrogacy as a backdrop."

Garima and Siddharth

Besides *Dukaan*, the duo has announced another film on honour killings in Uttar Pradesh. The romantic drama is titled *Saale Aashiq* and has been greenlit by the studios. "Honor killings in India have seen a 700% rise in the last few years," they said. "It needs to end. It's an action love story which explores the real-life issues faced by the 'lovers' of the country. It also raises a question on the term honour killing itself."

Siddharth and Garima have also penned the dialogues of Shahid Kapoor's *Jersey*. Directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, the upcoming film is a remake of the 2019 Telugu sports drama starring Nani. The duo had previously collaborated with Shahid on Kabir Singh (dialogues) and Batti Gul Meter Chalu (screenplay). "Adapting a film based in the South to the North-Indian milieu is something we have already done with Kabir Singh," they said. "It's important to understand the core of the film to adapt it, change the world and hence, secure the reach. We feel the audience will connect to the new world of *Jersey* and is in for a surprise."

Up ahead, the writers have done a script for Jay Productions, to be directed by R S Prasanna. The film is presently in the casting stage. "It's a slice of life film based on a bizarre real-life story." And then, there's a crossover project, produced by an LA-based production house and inspired by events in Elvis Presley's life. It will be followed by a humour script for Akshay Kumar. "There's another script which is based on a global crisis, relevant to India too. It's a concept that's been with us for the longest time and we feel now is the right time for it."

A still from *Jersey*